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The dollar fell 1.5 cents against the pound to 1.5060 as speculators abandoned the American currency. Its sharp drop against that and other currencies came after hopes of higher US interest rates receded. The 30-share index opened at a new peak of 735.2 but closed unchanged at 732.8 **Page 12, 13**

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Gerard Steenson, aged 25, of Dunlewey Street, Falls Road, Belfast, was charged last night with the murder of three members of the Ulster Defence Regiment, two policemen and a member of the Territorial Army.

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Mr Joshua Nkomo, the opposition Zimbabwe leader, returned home from exile to a quiet welcome. He parried questions on the sensitive Matabeleland issue **Page 4**

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Caerleon, the Irish challenger, ridden by Pat Eddery, won the Benson and Hedges Gold Cup at York, beating Hot Touch and John French **Page 18**

Steel 'will resign' if he loses right to veto manifesto

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Mr David Steel is expected by his close colleagues to resign the Liberal leadership if the party assembly votes next month to take away his right of veto over the contents of the general election manifesto.

Mr Steel, said to be improving by the day after suffering from depression brought on by a viral infection, plans to take no part in the assembly debate on the manifesto and other proposed changes to the Liberal constitution which are seen as further challenges to his authority. He has not even decided whether to attend that debate.

But Mr Steel's friends are in no doubt that he would find it impossible to carry on if the move by grassroots activists to remove his manifesto veto were successful.

Daventry Liberal Association, backed by the National League of Young Liberals and a grassroots organization called Campaign 83, have tabled a motion seeking to delete from the party constitution a clause in "Section K9" which says: "The Leader of the party shall have final authority over the content of the manifesto."

It springs from dissatisfaction among activists over the way Mr Steel drew up the joint general election manifesto with the Social Democratic Party, and the alleged failure of the manifesto to reflect party policy on defence, local government and blood sports.

They were particularly upset that it failed to make a commitment to ban deployment of cruise missiles. The Liberal assembly two years ago voted to support a ban.

Mr Steel does not oppose a proposal by three MPs, Mr Cyril Smith, Mr David Alton, and Mr Simon Hughes, for the election of deputy Leader, although he is against their proposals for the election of a chief whip and a chairman of the parliamentary party, and the activists' other proposal to remove his overall control over political broadcasts.

But he has made clear to his friends that he regards most serious of all the threat to his authority over the manifesto.

He has said that he would not be prepared as leader, and therefore the spearhead of the national campaign, to advocate policies to which he was totally opposed, and that if the Liberals took away his manifesto authority they would risk going down the path which had led the Labour Party to its present position, with Labour leaders at the election betraying a lack of conviction about the policies they were putting over.

It is clear that Mr Steel has the backing of most MPs over his opposition on the manifesto proposal, although Mr Hughes, MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, said last night that he supported the removal of the veto.

He acknowledged that the plan could pose difficulties for a leader, but felt that these could be got over if the procedures for drawing up the manifesto were improved by making it a continuous process in which differences could be ironed out.



Mr Steel: His authority challenged.

As a Liberal Party survey on the Alliance's performance in the election was published, indicating that the great majority of Liberal associations backed it and that a merger between the two parties is already effectively taking place in some constituencies, SDP activists moved yesterday to support their leader, Dr David Owen, in his opposition to early moves to a merger.

Members of the Council for Social Democracy have tabled a motion for the debate at the Salford conference next month on the party's future which sets out to emphasize the separate identity of the SDP.

This will be taken with another motion put forward by the former MP, Mr Christopher Brocklebank-Fowler, which effectively rules out a merger by calling for closer links between the parties "within the present party constitutions".

Mr Stuart Bayliss, one of the tablers of the former motion, said yesterday: "We believe that the so-called merger debate is a secondary one. First and foremost the SDP must publicly express its own identity so that people know what we stand for – like support of the social and welfare services, efficiency in the public sector, profitability in the private sector and partnership in industry between management and workforce."

The moves reflect the opposition among SDP activists to the growing pressure from the Liberals for the joint selection of parliamentary candidates.

Off to war: French paratroopers in good heart as they board an aircraft near Nantes for Chad.

Apology by US for aiding Barbie

From Nicholas Ashford Washington

The United States has apologized to France for helping Klaus Barbie, the "Butcher of Lyons", to evade French justice after the Second World War.

The apology coincides with the publication yesterday of a 220-page report into American complicity in the Barbie affair.

The report shows that Barbie worked as a paid informant between 1947 and 1951, and that US Army officers prevented his extradition to France by concealing knowledge of his whereabouts from the United States Government.

It also shows that the US Army arranged his subsequent flight to Bolivia where he lived for the next 33 years.

Declaring that "We have delayed justice in Lyons", Mr Allan Ryan, a senior Justice Department official who compiled the report, said in a memorandum that "I therefore believe it appropriate . . . that the United States Government express to the Government of France its regret for its responsibility in delaying the due process of law in the case of Klaus Barbie".

The report and a mass of accompanying documents detail how Barbie was first recruited by the American Counter Intelligence Corps (CIC), and how, in the summer of 1950, CIC officers deliberately withheld information about his whereabouts to prevent his extradition to face trial on charges of war crimes. He lived in Bolivia as "Klaus Altmann" until his extradition to France last February.

The report also contains intriguing references to the intense rivalry which existed between American, British, and French intelligence services in occupied Germany during the immediate post-war era.

Barbie had originally offered himself as an informant to the British, who were said to be "very interested" in obtaining his services. However, Barbie turned to the Americans after allegedly being mistreated by the British following his arrest by them at the end of 1946.

One document shows that the

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Klaus Barbie: Paid informant

Fall of 39% in Brixton muggings

By Nicholas Timmins

Muggings in Brixton fell by 39 per cent in the first six months of this year, police said yesterday.

The reduction was part of an overall decline of 20 per cent in crimes of violence reported in the Lambeth police district as a whole.

Commander Alex Marnoch, head of "L" District police, said the police could only guess at the reasons for the decline in the crimes which had tended to rise steadily. But he attributed them to changes in police tactics and to greater cooperation and trust between the police and the public, and described the figures as "promising and hopeful".

Since January, he said, an extra 93 officers had been patrolling the streets in the district in line with the new strategy adopted by Sir Kenneth Newman, the connissioner for the Metropolitan Police.

The CID street crime squad had been using targeting and surveillance techniques in cooperation with the intelligence unit set up at East Dulwich Police Station which had led to the arrest of "some very active robbers".

The figures show that robbery and other violent theft in Brixton – the category that covers muggings – fell from 801 in the first six months of last year to 489 in the equivalent period this year, a decline of 39 per cent.

The figures show that there was some displacement of street crime to Streatham which saw a 16 per cent increase in robbery and other violent theft and a 5 per cent rise in burglaries. But Commander Marnoch said the increase in Streatham was nowhere near the decline elsewhere.

"The level of crime is still far too high" he said, "but we are going in the right direction."

He said that in recent months "people have been increasingly willing to come forward and help the police. They will not put up with the degree of violent crime that existed before."

Older members of the community were taking a more responsible attitude, he said, contacts with young people had improved and the atmosphere around Railton Road – Brixton's "front line" and the scene of the 1981 riots – was more relaxed.

Chad puts out peace feelers to Libya

By Our Foreign Staff

President Hissene Habré said yesterday that his Government has had contacts with Libya in search of a peaceful end to Chad's civil war, but he rejected talks with the Libyan-backed rebel leader, Mr Goukouni Oueddei.

"We have even knocked on Tripoli's door to try to find a peaceful solution," he told a press conference. He declined to elaborate and there was no indication where or at what level the contacts took place.

But it was the first official reference to peace feelers towards Libya, which backs former president Goukouni and is blamed by Habré for reviving Chad's 17-year civil war.

Looking sombre and subdued, the blue-robed president said the military stalemate after the recent rebel counter-offensive was still holding in both the east and north.

Direct fighting between government and rebel forces has not been reported for the past three days, but Mr Habré claimed Libyan aircraft bombed Government positions at Oum-Chalouba and Koro-Toro on Sunday.

According to diplomatic sources the rebels hold both those outposts but the Government has not confirmed their loss.

A report from Lagos suggests that Mr Goukouni has been missing since the end of last month.

Sources close to the Chadian opposition in the neighbouring Benin republic, said the former president disappeared at the end of June.

Mr Goukouni was in Faya-Largeau when Mr Habre's soldiers launched their successful counter-attack on July 30. He had gone there from the southern Libyan town of Sebha, the base of Libyan operations in Chad.

According to this version Mr Goukouni moved out just as Mr Habre's army launched its offensive.

In Paris, French concern over the country's deepening military commitment to Chad was underlined yesterday with publication of an opinion poll showing 53 per cent of French people disapproved of the sending of troops to Chad, compared with 28 per cent in favour.

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Leader race like 'beauty contest'

By Our Political Reporter

Mr Peter Shore, a contender for the Labour leadership, said yesterday that unless the party changed its policies and its style it would need a miracle to win power at the next general election.

Mr Shore, who is considered to be running well behind Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Roy Hattersley in the contest, said that too many trade unions had approached the leadership campaign "with an almost frivolous disregard of what is at stake – as though we were engaged in a political beauty contest".

The Shadow Chancellor's remarks, addressed to the executive council of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation in London, were clearly directed, although he did not name him, against Mr Kinnock, who has said far less about the need for the party to change its policies than either Mr Shore, himself for Mr Hattersley.

Mr Shore said: "If the next leader fails to lead; if we fail to learn the lessons of the past four years; if we serve up the same policies, with the same style and the same mismanagement of recent years, then we should need a miracle to win power again in 1987-88".

The fate of the Labour Party, of British industry and of the country could be crucially affected by the votes cast on October 2, he said.

Meanwhile, Mr Hattersley responded to suggestions that he might feel more at home in the Liberal-Social Democratic Party Alliance, by declaring in a BBC radio interview: "I am the public enemy number one of the Alliance."

He said the Alliance's constant attacks on him underlined the strength of his moderate stance and the threat it posed to the Alliance.

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Maestro sales set six-month record

By Our Motoring Correspondent

The new Maestro car, the alleged target of left-wing infiltration at BL's Cowley plant, is proving so successful that dealers are forecasting a shortage later this month.

In spite of being one of the cars not supported by factory discounts and dealer bonuses, the Maestro has had a better initial six months than Vauxhall's outstandingly successful Cavalier.

The Cavalier was launched in September, 1981, and 25,400 were sold in its first six months.

The Maestro appeared on March 1 this year and an estimated 49,000 will have been sold when its first six months ends on August 31. About 10,000 were registered in the first 10 days of August.

The Maestro has been averaging between 4 and 5 per cent of the market and is now in sixth place behind the Cavalier. Five per cent of the market is considered to be good for a model with a restricted engine range of only 1.3 and 1.6 litres appearing in hatchback form only at this stage.

The Cavalier is a much wider range, comprising both hatchback and saloon versions with engines up to two litres.

Mr Harold Musgrove, Austin Rover chairman, is confident that when the hatchback Maestro is joined in the spring by its booted stablemate, the bigger LM11, it will do for the British company what the Cavalier did for Vauxhall.

The General Motors subsidiary doubled its market share in four years. Thanks to the Cavalier's seven per cent penetration, it expects to end 1983 holding 16 per cent and ready to challenge BL's position as No 2 with 20 per cent. Ford, the leader, has 30 per cent of the market.

The Maestro set a record for the highest number of registrations by a Britiah car in its first month, when 8,233 were registered. The previous best was 7,107 by the Fiesta in February, 1977. But almost immediately Maestro production was stopped for three-and-a-half weeks by the so-called "washing up" strike. It cost the company 9,000 Maestros.

Admission of lying criticized by union

By David Felton andd Clifford Webb

Transport union officials complained last night that their attempts to defend the 13 alleged left-wing infiltrators dismissed by BL had been made more difficult by one of them admitting that she had lied on her job application form.

Local officials of the Transport and General Workers Union and senior shop stewards meet managers at the Cowley plant near Oxford today to press the company to rescind the dismissal notices. A further two appeals against dismissal were rejected by the company yesterday, bringing the total rejected to 13.

Mr David Buckle, district secretary of the union, said last night that the news conference called by Miss Stephanie Grant had not "helped us in any way with the representations I shall be making on behalf of the 13. Indeed I think she has made it more difficult now.

On BBC radio, Mr Roger Rosewell, a former Marxist shopfloor organizer, said extreme left-wing groups will step up efforts to infiltrate key British companies when the economy starts to expand.

Scientology officers expelled

By Clifford Longley

The Church of Scientology has excommunicated 12 members of its headquarters staff in Britain for misconduct, after an internal investigation prompted by the conviction and imprisonment of senior Scientologists in the United States. Several other staff in the Office of Guardians of the church in East Grinstead, Sussex, have been moved to other positions.

The explusion of the 12 members was recommended by Mrs Edith Buchele, the new external affairs director of the British church, after she uncovered what she described yesterday as "a complete mess."

Charges against the 12 included the misuse of church funds to launch a series of libel actions, particularly against British newspapers, but also against Scotland Yard and the Department of Health and Social Security. One senior member of the staff of the Office of Guardians has falsely claimed to be a barrister.

The church's policy, as defined by its founder Mr Ron Hubbard, is to use legal means only as a last resort but above all "to live at peace with one's environment". Mrs Buchele said.

The office, which at one point had a staff of about forty, was closed earlier this year when the last expulsion happened. The international headquarters of the church has now been transferred from East Grinstead to Los Angeles.

A new open policy has been adopted by the church in Britain, which has hitherto been noted for its secrecy. Yesterday *The Times* was allowed free access to any part of the complex of church buildings at St Hill Manor, East Grinstead.

Briton sails into a bureaucratic squall

New York (AP) – An Englishman who sailed the Atlantic solo in his 20ft sloop, surviving food and fuel shortages and fighting high winds and waves, has had the wind knocked out of his sails by US Customs and Immigration officials. They say he entered the United States illegally.

Ginger Elliott, aged 42, who left his home in Poole, Dorset, on May 7, did not have a visa to visit the United States, when authorities found him on Monday at a pier at 64th Street and the East River, they seized his valid British passport and told him to appear in court tomorrow where he faces a deportation hearing.

Mr Elliot, an unemployed civil engineer, who said he went to America to set up an exchange programme between an English school and one in North Carolina, added that immigration officials told him the law which dispensed sailors from having a visa was changed seven months ago.

When Mr Elliott arrived a week ago at the island of Nantucket off Massachusetts, he was told Nantucket was not an official port of entry and he would have to go to Newport, Rhode Island, or New York City.

"Well, when I came up to Newport, there was a good northerly blowing, so I thought why waste it and entered in New York", Mr Elliott said. He made his way down Long Island Sound and the East River, and later went to Federal Plaza to present his papers. He was told he did not have proper clearances and would have to appear before a federal judge.

Mr Elliott: Visa trouble.

At about 5.30 pm on Monday, he said, he tried to sail to College Point, where he could get a free berth for his boat, but the tide was too strong and he tied up just north of the 61st Street heliport. City police launches went to detain Mr Elliott for federal officials.

Meanwhile, he was violating a city law which prohibits boats from docking in unauthorized locations. "I've found the people of the city friendly enough, but it's the officials who are always mucking it up", Mr Elliott complained, "but it's like that anywhere".

Navy ships may be taken out of service

The Royal Navy may have to take a number of ships out of service because of shortage of manpower (our Defence Correspondent writes).

Among the possibilities understood to be under consideration are putting the carrier, Hermes, into mothballs, or alternatively taking two or more escort ships out of service.

The difficulty has arisen partly because of the experience of the Falklands conflict. More ships have been retained in service than were planned in Sir John Nott's defence review of June, 1981.

The projected cut in naval manpower of between 8,000 and 10,000 by 1986 will not be accomplished, but, nevertheless, a mismatch has arisen between the number of ships and the men available.

Radio-controlled storage heaters

The South of England Electricity Board said in Glasgow yesterday that it will conduct trials over the next 12 months on advanced signalling techniques for managing domestic supplies.

The Radio Teleswitching Project will involve installing switches in the premises of off-peak tariff consumers which can be operated remotely by signals superimposed on the BBC Radio 4 carrier frequency. That would allow the board to vary the times at which consumers take electricity for storage heaters

'Police raid' complaint

Police are to investigate a complaint from Mr Frank Thomas, of Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, that 30 armed officers ordered his wife, Mrs Suzanne Thomas, who is pregnant, and his son aged two, to leave their home at 3 am and spend three hours at a police station. Mrs Thomas said police then realized they had made a mistake.

Thames Valley Police said a complaint had been received and would be investigated.

'Final appeal' on pit closures

The National Union of Mineworkers yesterday submitted its "final appeal" to stop the closure of two collieries in Scotland and South Wales and challenged the National Coal Board to a public debate on the industry's future.

But it is practically certain that the closure of Cardowan and Brynlliw pits will be confirmed by the coal board in the next two weeks.

British Airways set for court battle to thwart shuttle rival

By John Witherow

The Government's policy of free competition on air routes will face a challenge in the High Court next week when British Airways contests a decision that threatens to push its domestic services into deficit.

The state airline, which is due to be sold to the public in 1985, wants to stop its independent rival, British Midland Airways, from competing with its Heathrow-Belfast shuttle.

British Airways decided to by-pass the normal route for appeals to the Secretary of State for Transport by questioning the legality of the Civil Aviation Authority's decision to grant a licence to British Midland. The recourse to the courts was given added urgency yesterday when Dan-Air announced it would apply to compete with the British Airways shuttle between Heathrow and Manchester.

British Airways, which made a profit of £6m last year on domestic routes, has lost a third of its market to British Midland Airways on shuttle services to Glasgow and Edinburgh. It told the authority that if the Derby-based airline took a similar share of the 630,000 passengers who use the Belfast-London route each year it would lose overall on the main domestic routes.

The success of British Midland Airways has been a result of offering conventional cabin service with food and drinks, reserved seats and cheaper round trips to Scotland. British Airways, which introduced the shuttle concept of passengers taking the first flight without advance booking, has been forced to compete on the same terms and will introduce a "super shuttle" at the end of this month which will include cabin service.

Its unprecedented decision to go directly to court reflects a determination to get a strictly legal ruling on the Aviation Act of 1980 rather than one based on the Government's "open skies" policy of allowing state firms to be challeged by private enterprise. It feels that the authorities ignored references in the Act which allowed for some protection for airlines already operating routes.

The Civil Aviation Authority said that it recognized that the traffic and profitability of British Airways would be affected by competition on the Belfast route but added that it "did not accept that British Airways shuttle service could not be opereated profitably in the long run". It argued that its interpretation of the 1980 Act was not challenged by British Airways at the public hearing last month over British Midland Airways application.

British Midland Airways services to Belfast are due to start in the autumn with seven flights every weekday in each direction and four at the weekend, with reserved seats and fares, at £52.50 one way, £3.50 cheaper than the shuttle.

Meanwhile Dan-Air, which has has considerable success on the Heathrow-Inverness route which it took over from British Airways earlier this year, said it had decided to apply for the Manchester route as a result of the approval given to British Midland Airways for the Belfast service.

"We would give a better service than British Airways. That's what competition is all about," Dan-Air said. The airline plans to operate up to five flights a day on a route which carried 720,000 passengers last year.



Printers' choice: Miss Brenda Dean (above) has been elected the first woman president of the printing industry's largest union, Sogat '82, in a secret ballot that points to a swing away from militancy. (Our Labour Editor writes).

The election makes Miss Dean, aged 40, secretary of the union's Greater Manchester branch, favourite to succeed Mr William Keys as the union's general secretary in a few years.

There were 13 candidates in the poll, carried out at branch level by secret voting in sealed envelopes,

Basnett presses for policy re-think

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

A strong call for the labour movement to embark on a complete overhaul of its economic and employment policies and to reconsider the role of trade unions was made yesterday by Mr David Basnett, a senior figure in both wings of the movement.

Speaking to union officials in Lancashire, Mr Basnett said that the general election result and the known views of union members made a reappraisal "imperative" over the next few years.

"We must take a long hard look at the employment situation and the development of the economy. That rethink will take time to complete. We are working on out-of-date concepts, with policies which do not take on board the drastic changes in our economy, our society and the structure of employment", Mr Basnett, general secretary of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union, said.

Mr Basnett, as chairman of the TUC economic committee, was instrumental last month in launching a detailed study, to be carried out by TUC staff, into possible changes in the economic policies on which Labour fought the June election.

That investigation will also look at ways of making the TUC's annual economic report more realistic, rather than being a shopping list of demands to the Government.

Mr Basnett said yesterday: "We know it is no use repeating the same old nostrums. Next year we should confine ourselves to two things: campaigning on those issues on which even this Government can be influenced, and campaigning to defend specific sections of our members and of British industry and the welfare state that are under threat."

His remarks were aimed at the trade unions but were also apparently for the ears of the Labour Party. He said not all the present policies were wrong.

"Some of our policies we have simply failed to put over adequately and others we need to modify. But behind all our detailed policies we need a much clearer and more up-to-date analysis to give us both a firmer ideological position and a much more coherent framework within which to defend the specific interests of our members", Mr Basnett said.



Death trap: A washed uniform being fire-tested on a dummy.

Fire danger for nurses

National uniform dresses worn by 85 per cent of nurses and nursing auxilliaries are highly inflammable and could prove a death trap for the wearer, according to the *Nursing Standard*. The official weekly news paper of the Royal College of Nursing, which has carried out intensive tests.

Concern was first raised by two senior nurses at the Royal Cornmwall Hospital, Truro, which has had two fires in the uniform supply room.

According to the paper, a confidential report has been sent to the Department of Health and Social Security (DHSS) by one regional health aurthority expressing concern about the dresses, which conform to DHSS specifications and are made of a mixture of polyester and viscorse.

A fire test carried out by *Nursing Standard* showed that a new uniform of the type worn by most nurses catches light and gives off noxious fumes within 30 seconds of being touched by the flame of a match.

Within a minute, half the garment was alight and by 80 seconds the dress was engulfed. In addition, the material dissolves into a sticky tar-like substance which could inflict deep wounds on the victim.

Mr Ken Inch, fire prevention officer of London's Middlesex Hospital, who observed the tests, said: "Four lungsful from the fumes is enough to kill."

New uniforms are most at risk before constant washing has reduced the inflammability of the material.

A health department spokesman said the *Nursing Standard* report would be considered by both the DHSS and the NHS Supply Council.

£5,000 reward offered in sex attack hunt

A £5,000 reward was offered yesterday for information leading to the capture of three men who kidnapped and sexually assaulted a boy aged six in Brighton.

The offer came among 90 telephone calls to the police from people offering information. The reward is being put up by an authoress who did not want to be named.

Detectives investigating the assault were checking on a child pornography ring on the South Coast which is believed to include members in the resort. They were also making inquiries among the homosexual community and trying to trace regulars at a homosexual discotheque held on Sunday evenings in Brighton.

Bolt's Gay Disco, held in the Pink Coconut, West Street, is one of several clubs and public houses used by homosexuals in Brighton.

Detective Chief Inspector Geoffrey Randle, who is leading the hunt, pledged confidentiality for any homosexual who came forward with information.

The boy was snatched on a quiet street on Sunday evening. The men drove him to a local beauty spot, stripped him and carried out the assault before dumping him at a road junction. He was found in a distressed state and taken to hospital.

Mrs Valerie Last, aged 36, was driving her teenage daughter home when she saw the boy, standing alone by a hedge in Newhaven, East Sussex. "He was incoherent and soaked in tears," she said.

The boy's mother told a press conference: "He was only able to give a rough description of the men. "If I knew who they were, I would do time for them. I think they should be shot. They are just maniacs."

Ulster CBI attacks priest's attempt to wreck Shorts deal

From Richard Ford, Belfast

A Roman Catholic priest from the United States who was born in Northern Ireland was heavily criticized yesterday by the Confederation of British Industry for his attempt to ruin an Ulster firm's chances of winning a £20m order from the US Air Force.

The order, for 18 transport aircraft, could mean an extra 600 jobs at Shorts of Belfast and a decision is expected early next year.

Father Sean McManus, director of the Irish National Caucus, an anti-British pressure group in the US, wants to stop the deal because of the company's alleged anti-Catholic bias.

"We want to stop US dollars being used to subsidize anti-Catholic discrimination in Ulster", he said yesterday after meeting senior executives

Mr Ron McCullogh, chairman of the CBI in Ulster, said: "Wild allegations which grab the headlines will do nothing to help the unemployed, and indeed may add to their numbers.

"It is important to realise that customers of Northern Ireland exporting companies all round the world will watch the outcome of this with interest."

Shorts yesterday rejected allegations that it practised discrimination.

"We recognise the need in a divided community to take all positive steps to overcome the difficulties in attracting Catholic applicants for jobs and explained that it was for this reason that the company have agreed to take specific steps to encourage more job applications from Catholics," the company said.

The dispute over Shorts' employment record arose after research carried out by a priest in Belfast claimed that only between four and five per cent of the 6,000-strong workforce were Roman Catholics.

Father Brian Brady complained of the company's recruiting practices, treatment of apprentices and numbers of Roman Catholic instructors. He claimed that there were displays of "loyalist" posters and emblems on the company's notice boards.

The Belfast engineering industry has for decades been a by-word among Roman Catholics for discrimination. Shorts' position in the heartland of Protestant east Belfast has not made it easy to attract Roman Catholics, most of whom live in the west of the city.

● Ireland's "most wanted man", Dominic McGlinchey, sent a wreath of white lilies and purple chrysanthemums to the funeral yesterday of his Irish National Liberation Army comrade who died in an ambush against the police in Dungannon, co Tyrone, last weekend.

A girl dressed in paramilitary uniform with her face hidden by a black mask fired a volley of three shots over the coffin of James Gerard Mallon as it left his parents' home in Madden, co Armagh.

● Dublin detectives were questioning a man last night about the kidnapping last week of a wealthy solicitor, Mr William Somerville, aged 45, who was kept tied to a tree for 24 hours, five miles from his home at Enniskerry, co Wicklow (a Dublin Correspondent writes).

Labour promises to defend pensions

By Stephen Goodwin

Labour's social security spokesman, Mr Brynmor John, accused the Government yesterday of backtracking on its commitments to maintain the earings-related state pension scheme in its present form.

"Any attempt to dismantle the state pension scheme will be opposed with the utmost vigour by Labour" Mr John says in a reaction to reports that Mrs Thatcher has called for a radical reexamination of state pensions.

Mr John describes the scheme, introduced by Labour through Pensions Act, 1975, as "one of the most significant advances in social security provision since the setting up of the welfare state".

He adds: "It has meant that millions of working people are now building up rights and an additional earnings-related pension on top of their basic pension.

"Now we learn that on Mrs Thatcher's instructions ministers in the Department of Health and Social Security are working on plans which could mean an end to the scheme in its present form."

Mr John says he has several times recieved assurances from Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services, that the Government intended no change in the state pension scheme.

During the election campaign, he wrote to the Prime Minister and received a similar assurance. Mrs Thatcher pointed out in her letter that the 1975 Act was brought onto the Statute Book with the full support of Conservative MPs.

Pensions and benefits are nevertheless the subject of continuous review at the department. The whole question of pension age is also under consideration, but officials are not aware of any special work on pensions.

Government expendutire on retirement pensions this year, including the earnings-related scheme, is expected to be around £15,000m.

Greenham dysentery confirmed

A case of dysentery has been confirmed at the Greenham Common peace camp, it was officially disclosed last night. Opponents of the peace campaigners immediately called for the women's camp to be quarantined, they also want the women to be banned from shopping in Newbury town centre.

Mr Michael Blackshaw, director of environmental services for Newbury district council, confirmed last night that one of the peace women visiting the camp had contracted dysentery and was being treated in hospital. Checks were being carried out daily on the other women by health officials

Within minutes of hearing that the outbreak had been confirmed, the leader of the Greenham Common campaign, Mrs Sheila Shedden, a retired nurse, called on officials to place the women in quarantine and said that she was concerned that they should not be allowed to handle food in self-service shops in Newbury.

Mr David Moore, aged 29, an insurance salesman, whose body was found trussed in a sleeping bag in the Lake District on Sunday. A woman aged 23 from Ashton-in-Makerfield, Greater Manchester, has been charged with the murder of Mr Moore, of Cambridge Road, Horwich, Greater Manchester, and will appear in court in Wigan today. A man has also been detained.

Supplies flown to solo yachtsman

An RAF Nimrod parachuted emergency supplies yesterday to a lone paraplegic yachtsman who was in difficulties about 800 miles from Falmouth.

Mr Michael Spring, aged 39, a computer programmer from Solihull, who was paralysed from the waist down after a car accident in 1969, is suffering from painful pressure sores. He is sailing his 21-ft yacht Mariner on the return leg of a 2,500 mile trip to the Azores.

A Nimrod from St Mawgan in Cornwall answered his appeal for help by dropping the supplies of medical dressings, ointments, bread, milk and fruit during a routine training exercise.

Asian women bound over

Four Asian women, three of whom chained themselves to railings in a demonstration on Monday morning outside the Westminister home of Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary were bound over in the sum of £1,000 yesterday to keep the peace for a year.

They had denied conduct likely to cause a breach of the peace to draw attention to the plight of Afia Begum, aged 19, a Bangladeshi widow and her daughter, aged two, who are due to be deported.

The women who appeared at Horseferry Road Court, were: Palavi Parekh, aged 21, of Victoria Road, Aston, Birmingham; Nita Datta, aged 20, unemployed, of Nicholson Road, Sheffield; Parajathi Teare, aged 29, and Ghazala Faizi, aged 26, a community worker, from Alverstone House, Kennington Park Estate, Kennington, south London the only of the four who was prevented by the police from chaining herself up.

Mestel and Thipsay share chess lead

From Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent, Southport

The English grandmaster Jonathan Mestel joined the Indian master Thipsay in the lead at the end of round seven of the Grieveson Grant British Chess Championship at Southport.

They have 5½ points and are followed by Bradbury, Botterill, Chandler, Hodgson, Horner, Ravikumar and Speelman, all with 5 points each.

Mestel won easily in this round against John Littlewood who was too lavish with his pawns and was no less than four pawns to the bad when he resigned. Thipsay, on the other hand, could only draw against the Australian master Johansen.

Speelman won with some ease against Pritchett and both Chandler and Horner won in good style against W Watson and Martin respectively.

Other results: Bradbury ½, Ravikumar ½; Hodgson 1, Baruu 0; Mursfeld 0, Botterill 1; Hebden 0, Rogers 1; Hilbert ½, Nasir Ali ½; Lawton ½, Large ½; Knox 0, Cox 1; Richardson 1, Kohen 0; Flear 1, Hawksworth 0; Davies 1, Lane 0; Syway 0, Conquest 1; Chapman 0, Cummings 1; B Smith 0, Britton 1; P Littlewood 0, Waddingham 1; Hempson ½, Ivell ½; Wells ½, Richmond ½; C Smith ½, A [illegible] ½; Knott 1, J Watson 0; Ady 0, Howell 1; Sutherland 0, Cooley 1; Jacobs 1, Burnett 0; [illegible] ½, Jackson ½; Raynes ½, Varley ½; Kerridge 1, Bramall 0. Adjourned games results round [illegible]: Horner ½, Speelman ½; Richmond 0, Knox 1.

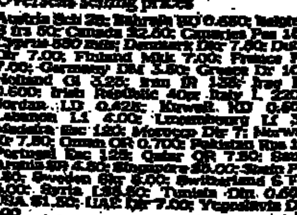
Thipsay has the white pieces against Mestel in round eight.

At the end of round three in the British Ladies' Championship, Miss Condie, of Scotland, was leading with 2½ points.

Results: Miss Condie 1, Mrs Travers 0; Mrs Wood ½, Mrs Hindle ½; Mrs Jackson ½, Miss Bruce ½; Miss McLure 0, Mrs Rogers 1; Mrs Milligan 1, Miss McDonald 0; Dr [illegible] 0, Mrs Forsman 1; Miss Chakrabarti 1, Mrs Thackray 0.

Overseas selling prices

Austria Sch 20; Bahrain [illegible]; Belgium B frs [illegible]; Canada $2.50; Canaries Pes 150; Cyprus [illegible]; Denmark Dkr 7.50; Dubai Dhr 7.00; Finland Mk 7.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr [illegible]; Holland Gl 3.25; Iran [illegible]; Iraq [illegible]; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2,200; Jordan [illegible]; Kuwait [illegible]; Lebanon [illegible]; Luxembourg Lf [illegible]; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 7; Norway Kr 7.50; Oman [illegible]; Pakistan Rps [illegible]; Portugal Esc 120; Qatar QR 7.50; Saudi Arabia [illegible]; Singapore [illegible]; Spain Pes 150; Sweden Skr 8.00; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Syria [illegible]; Tunisia [illegible]; USA $1.50; UAE Dhr 7.00; Yugoslavia Din 100



BMA launches inquiry into alternative forms of health treatment

By Nicholas Timmins

The British Medical Association yesterday launched an inquiry into alternative health treatments including faith healing and herbalism, with a call to doctors and lay therapists to submit information on the techniques they use.

The move comes after increasing interest among doctors and others in alternative forms of medicine, with the setting up of several centres combining traditional and alternative approaches.

The association's board of science has set up a working party that expects to take anything up to two years to report, and is calling in the first instance for information on a wide range of unconventional techniques. It will consider the feasibility and possible methods of assessing the value of alternative therapies whether used alone or to complement other treatments – some of these were examined in a series of articles in *The Times* last week.

The working party includes Sir Douglas Black, a recent past president of the Royal College of Physicians and a former chief scientist to the Department of Health, and Professor Linford Rees, a former president of the Royal College of Psychiatrists.

The announcement of the working party was given a cautious and slightly sceptical welcome by leading figures in the alternative and holistic medical fields, some of whom doubted whether the BMA would have a sufficiently open mind.

Dr George Lewith, director of the Centre for the Study of Alternative Therapies said that the working party was a good idea "but I hope it will be objective".

If alternative treatments were to be assessed only by traditional medical methods, the working party would make little progress. Different methods of evaluation would be needed if the working party was not to be "another mechanism for supporting entrenched and rather biased views", he said.

The working party, which includes two pharmacologists and two anaesthetists, was also criticized for not containing anyone noted for expertise in alternative approaches.

Professor James Payne, Professor of anaesthetics at London university, who is chairing the working party, said that the working party would have an open mind.

"Much success is being claimed for alternative therapy so we believe the time is right to gather information. We want to know what alternative therapies people are using and how they believe they work.

"There is no question that certain hypnotic techniques and acupuncture techniques have been shown to work in certain circumstances. We need to know in what circumstances and to what extent they could be universally applied.

"There is a great list of things we need to look at. Some of my colleagues are critical of the fact that a lot of charlatans are involved in alternative therapies, but the fact that a charlatan is using a technique does not necessarily mean that the technique is wrong."

The idea, he said, was not to force alternative therapies into standard methods of assessment. "We want experts in these fields to tell us how they think their methods work."

Dr Richard Tonkin, who has been involved in the recent establishment of the Research Council for Complementary Medicine, said that the setting up of the working party was encouraging.

The BMA is asking those wishing to supply information to the working party to do so by September 30.

Drug warning given to doctors

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A warning to doctors to be alert for side-effects from Osmosin, a new anti-arthritis drug, has been issued by the Committee on Safety of Medicines. The warning comes after 200 reports from doctors of patients experiencing side-effects ranging from severe headaches to perforated bowels.

General practitioners have issued more than 500,000 prescriptions since the launch of the drug last December. But the number of reports received by the safety committee, under the yellow card reporting system, suggests that Osmosin is no safer than conventional drugs which it is intended to replace.

In common with Opren, the anti-arthritis drug which was withdrawn last year, Osmosin is a non-steroidal preparation which was developed to avoid the adverse reactions that occur with some of the older anti-inflammatory drugs used to treat arthritic conditions. Its biologically active component is Indomethacin, which is known to have harmful interactions if taken with some other drugs.

However, Merk Sharp Dohme, the manufacturer, claims that it is well tolerated by patients because the active ingredient in the preparation is delivered into the body slowly and at a steady rate. The company's tests showed fewer side-effects than conventional indomethacin.

Rare illness death confirmed

From Arthur Osman
Birmingham

A woman aged 59 died earlier this month from a kidney illness which has affected 18 others, mainly children, in the Black Country, it was confirmed yesterday. The cause of death had been given as natural causes and she was buried on August 11.

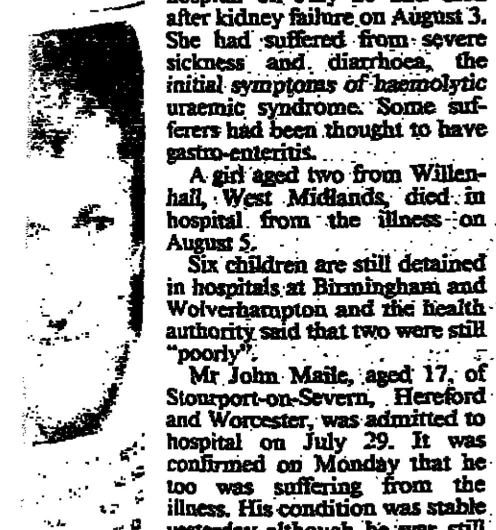
An official of the West Midlands regional health authority said: "This is not a notifiable disease and doctors not realizing that it was present in the community might not have linked other deaths with it."

Mrs Margaret McCart, of West Bromwich, was admitted to Sandwell district general hospital on July 20 and died after kidney failure on August 3. She had suffered from severe sickness and diarrhoea, the initial symptoms of haemolytic uraemic syndrome. Some sufferers had been thought to have gastro-enteritis.

A girl aged two from Willenhall, West Midlands, died in hospital from the illness on August 5.

Six children are still detained in hospitals at Birmingham and Wolverhampton and the health authority said that two were still "poorly".

Mr John Maile, aged 17, of Stourport-on-Severn, Hereford and Worcester, was admitted to hospital on July 29. It was confirmed on Monday that he too was suffering from the illness. His condition was stable yesterday although he was still on a kidney dialysis machine.



Police warning to missing wife's friends

Former male friends of Mrs Diane Jones, the missing wife of an Essex doctor, will be contacted by police if they do not come forward, Det. Supt. Michael Ainsley, who is heading the search for her, said yesterday.

Mr Ainsley said an undisclosed number of men who were "personally involved" with Mrs Jones had not yet made themselves known. They could provide crucial information.

Mr Ainsley is leading the operation from a mobile incident room in the village of Goggeshall, where Mrs Jones, aged 35, lived with her husband, Dr Robert Jones.

She disappeared on July 23 after visiting a local public house with her husband. Mrs Jones is reported to have gone missing on several previous occasions. "I have given up all hope of finding her alive", Mr Ainsley said.

He indicated that police had a list of her former men friends. Appealing to them, he said: "I am in a position to identify certain people who have not yet come forward.

"I would ask them to contact us in order to save my officers the time and trouble of finding them. I will treat all information with the discretion it deserves".

Ex-RAF man in fight over citizenship

A man who has served in the Royal Air Force and has lived in Britain almost all of his life has been told that he doesn't qualify for a British passport because of a mistake by his father 13 years ago.

Mr Michael Regnard faces a prolonged battle with the Home Office over his claim that because he has a British birth certificate he should not be expected to register as British because of a "departmental blunder" in 1972.

Mr Regnard, aged 25, a company director from Bath, says that when his father, who was born in Mauritius, registered himself as a British citizen after 14 years with the RAF, he was never told that his son should also be registered.

Born in a hospital at RAF Rustrug in West Germany before being taken to Britain a few months later, Mr Regnard has always considered himself a United Kingdom citizen and says that he finds the sudden questioning of his nationality "totally disgraceful".

The problem arose when Mr Regnard applied for a 10-year passport to enable him to go on holiday with his wife Judith. The passport office in Newport, Gwent, queried his application

The Home Office said yesterday that Mr Regnard would be allowed to return to Britain after his two-week holiday in Spain, which begins on September 17, but he would have to sign a registration form if he was to be considered a British subject.



Mr Regnard: British birth certificate.

● *Mr Nabi Nickman, aged 22*, an Iranian student at Brunel Technical College, Bristol, who was imprisoned for 16 months after his visa expired in April *last year has been told by the* Home Office that he can stay to complete his studies.

Protest over flogging

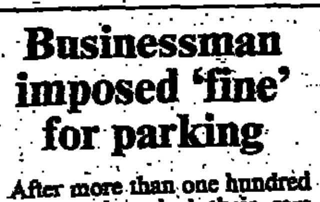
Saudi Arabia has been told that the British public is strongly opposed to flogging as a form of punishment, the Foreign Office said yesterday.

A spokesman said that court authorities in Saudi Arabia had now confirmed that the sentences on six Britons involved on smuggling alcohol amounted to 2,700 strokes of the cane and a total 18½ years imprisoment.

The Foreign Office said Britain's charge d'affaires, Mr Richard Muir, had told Saudi Arabian officials that there was strong feeling among the British public

"He said Britain was not protesting at the punishment but simply reflecting a point of view."

The six convictd men Peter Drake, sentenced to four and 600 strokes; Gordon Malloch, three-and-a-half years and 480 strokes; Peter Pratt, three years and 420 strokes; Brian Ethcells, two-and-half years and 360 strokes and Kevin Stoute, one-and-a-half years and 240 strokes.



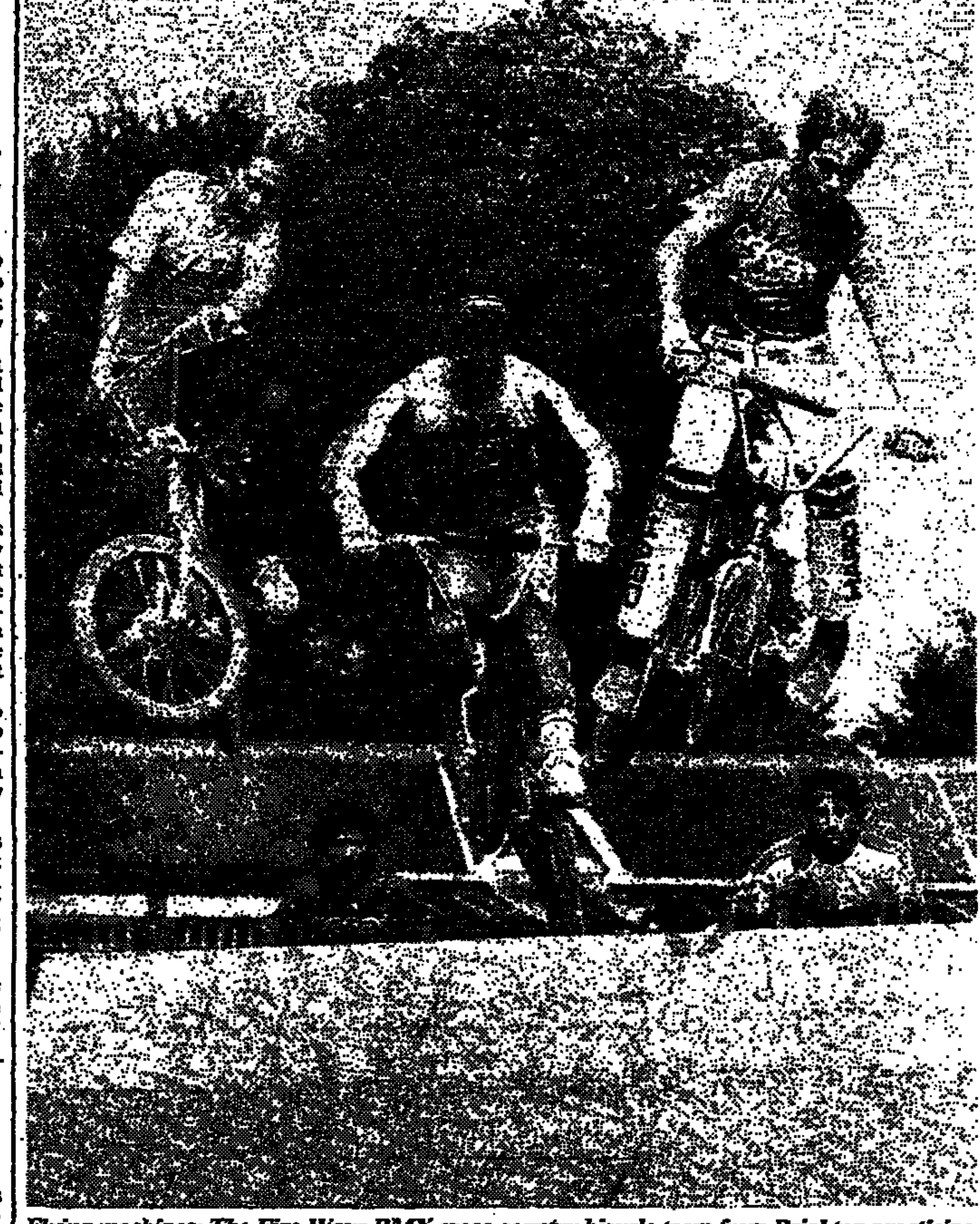
Businessman imposed 'fine' for parking

After more than one hundred drivers had parked their cars uninvited in Brian Mills's *forecourt* he decided to remove the windscreen wiper blades from a car and return them to the driver only on payment of a £10 "fine", Croydon magistrates were told yesterday.

Mr Mills, aged 49, a property developer, of York House, Sydenham Road, Croydon, admitted unlawfully damaging a Datsun car belonging to Mrs Patricia Atkins.

He told the court that over the past four years he had counted more than 100 cars parking on his forecourt. He had six parking spaces in front of his front garden which were allocated to tenants living in his property.

Giving him a conditional discharge for twelve months, Mr Amrit Biswas, the magistrate, said Mills had adopted an inadvisable course of action. "But we have full sympathy with you" he added.



Flying machines: The Five Ways BMX cross-country bicycle team from Brighton practising for the national BMX championships, to be held in Birmingham at the end of next month. *(Photograph: John Manning).*

Tory party accused of sex bias

Mrs Carole Steggles was furious when the Conservatives rejected her as a party agent and accused them of sexual discrimination.

At an industrial tribunal yesterday she claimed that she had been passed over because she was married and had four children. She had complained to Mr Cecil Parkinson, then party chairman.

But Mr Richard Price, counsel for the Conservative Party, said that Mrs Steggles had worked for the Liberals for 10 years and had not even joined the Conservative Party when she applied for the job in August of last year.

She mentioned her enthusiasm for Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Falklands campaign, but only one month before the elections she was working for the Liberals and Mr Brian Steggles, her husband, had been a prospective Liberal candidate in Croydon Northeast.

Mrs Steggles, aged 40, of Rosamund Road, Furnace Green, Crawley, west Sussex, told the tribunal that she had become disillusioned with the Liberals after the Lib-Lab pact and the alliance with the Social Democratic Party.

Mr John Leslie, a Conservative Central Office agent, said that he pointed out to all the applicants the drain on their social and private lives if they were successful. He decided that Mrs Steggles was unsuitable because she lacked the necessary characteristics, "diplomacy for example".

Mrs Steggles's failure had nothing to do with her sex or the fact that she had children, he said. "My approach to her was no different than to a man with children and a working wife."

Of the 23 applicants who passed the preliminary interview 12 were women.

The tribunal reserved its decision.

Outside the court, Mrs Steggles said: "I would have hoped the Conservative Party who helped bring in the sex discrimination law would have been a great deal more willing to pursue it." The application form "did not say you had to be a member of the party".

TV video games channel next year

By Bill Johnstone, Electronics Correspondent

A video games television channel available 24 hours a day every day of the week is to be launched in Britain next year by W. H. Smith, the high street retail chain.

A spokesman said yesterday: "If you want to play chess at 4 o'clock in the morning then you can."

The new channel which has just completed tests in California where it is being marketed for between \$10 and \$15 (£7.50 and £10) per home per month is the product of the Video Games Network. The British retail group has agreed to distribute the programming to cable television operators in the United Kingdom but it intends to make its own programming eventually, tailored specifically for the home market.

A set of 20 video games will be offered on the channel. Subscribers will be equipped with an electronic keyboard which will allow them to play the games. About a quarter of the games will be changed each month.

The channel will offer more than just video games. It is the company's intention to offer educational programmes, probably 25 per cent of its programmes will fall into that category. The channel will also have the facility for shopping from the armchair at the touch of a switch, now termed "teleshopping".

W. H. Smith, which is the leading retailer for home computers, principally the Sinclair products, is also keen to expand the range of video games it stocks. "If we cannot sell them down a cable we will have them on sale", the spokesman said.

The Government has invited applications for the first 12 pilot franchises for cable television systems. The multichannel networks, probably containing about 30 channels, are the type on which the Smith channel would be sold.

The cable network would be connected to Smith's computers housing the programmes on sale.

Home loans surge as money rolls in again

By Lorna Bourke

Lending for house purchase is surging ahead with Halifax Building Society, the biggest in Britain, reporting home loans up from 74,000 in the first half of 1982/83 to 100,000 for the same period this year. In money terms lending has increased from £1,320m to £1,955m – a rise of 48 per cent.

Loans for home improvements also rose significantly topping £165m for the first half of this year compared with £115m for the same period in 1982/83.

Although lending has been running at record levels, money coming into the Halifax available for home buyers fell substantially from £1,035m to £885m for the first half of this year.

That mirrors the experience of the industry as a whole though figures released yesterday by the Building Societies Association disclose a dramatic turnaround in the societies' fortunes after the July increase in rates.

Money is pouring into the societies once again, and net receipts for July at £739m were much higher than expected – more than double the June total of £319m. In addition the societies raised £200m from the wholesale money markets in an attempt to reduce the lengthening queues.

"For the first time for many months building societies attracted sufficient funds in July to meet the underlying demand for mortgage finance, Mr Richard Weir, secretary general of the Building Societies Association, said; "This does not mean, however, that mortgage queues will disappear overnight as there is still a backlog of demand built up during the first half of the year when societies were operating with uncompetitive interest rates".

Business booms for heatwave suppliers

The enterprising travel agent who offered a week away from the heat in Iceland recently had no takers. Indeed, demand for last-minute holidays in the Mediterranean remains high, despite the exceptional weather throughout much of Britian.

But there are some people who would leap at a week's holiday anywhere. For many companies, the very hot summer has meant very hard work.

A dozen workers on Xpelair's production line have agreed to forgo the firm's traditional two-week summer holiday to meet *demand* boosted by the sustained heat.

They make a small desk-top fan. Launched this spring, it has already exceeded its sales targets for the year, selling 20,000 units so far.

Xpelair also imports larger office fans, and reported that overseas suppliers have used up all their stocks this summer because of British demand twice as great as usual.

People have also been seeking ventilation on the move. A leading maker of sun roofs for cars, Britax Weathershield, said that the good weather in July had stimulated *demand to a* level 30 per cent higher than last year.

About 90,000 sun roofs will be sold in Britain this year, compared with fewer than 10,000 five years ago, and the heatwave has accelerated that trend.

Mr Eric Ainsworth, Britax's financial director, said: "It is our best summer by far". His workforce too has had to work extra shifts.

More people are taking to the road on bicycles. Mr Michael Dickson, co-owner of the London Bicycle Company, the capital's largest retailer, recently had to close his main store at midday because the throng of shoppers had reached unmanageable proportions.

"We did three consecutive record weeks in July, surpassing even the train and the tube strikes", Mr Dickson said. "The staff has been run ragged." He now reports difficulty replacing depleted stocks.

Mr Roger Dear, director of sales at T. I. Raleigh, Britain's largest bicycle manufacturer, confirmed that the compnay was stretched to meet retail demand for some models. "It is an exceptional summer", he said.

If it had poured with rain, it would have pleased the television companies. Researchers calculate that a rise of just one degree in mean monthly temperatures causes a measurable drop in television audiences, and July's figures certainly bear that out. Independent telvision ratings fell 17 per cent in July compared with May, while last year, which had a mediocre summer, the fall was only 11.5 per cent.

The big screen has fared better. "Despite the weather, admissions are considerably higher this summer than last", according to Mr Peter Howard-Williams, national sales controller at Rank Screen Advertising.

The film industry has launched some strong productions into the normally quiet summer months, spurred partly by the opening of *Star Wars III*, brought forward from the autumn to thwart the video pirates.

People on their holidays have been able to choose from titles such as *Octopussy* and *Superman III*. "There is only so much you can do at a resort. People often take in a film in the evening", Mr Howard-Williams said.

The more traditional seaside entertainments are also attracting the crowds, according to Scarborough's director of tourism, Mr Donald Waterman. All four shows at the resort are doing excellent business, he said.

The more visitors to the resort, the more people are potentially available for indoor pastimes, even in good weather, he pointed out; and there are certainly more visitors since the hot weather started.

The good weather seems to have prompted people to take more holidays than they planned, and not just in Britain. The Late Traveller, a company *specializing in last-minute* overseas trips, said that demand was at present 50 per cent higher than in August last year.

Golden Rail, British Rail's all-in travel subsidiary, said that there had been four times more bookings this summer than last for short breaks. Extra staff have been engaged to cope.

People returning from holiday often find they have an overgrown lawn to mow, but this year the problem will not be so prevalent. The hot dry weather is not good for grass, and not at all good for *lawnmower sales*. Qualcast said that present demand was about one twentieth that of the year's peak weeks.

But the dry grass has meant good news for makers of decongestants and hay-fever remedies. Boots said that sales of such products were 15 per cent higher this summer than last, due to the consistently high pollen count.

Joseph raises new objections to reform of O levels

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

New objections to the reform of O levels and CSE were raised yesterday by Sir Keith Joseph, Secretary of State for Education, as he announced he would make a decision on a new examination for 16-year-olds in the second quarter of next year.

His statement, designed to allay uncertainty about examination reform, said that he was asking the new examination quango, the Secondary Examinations Council, to advise him by the end of this year on how desirable it would be to have one examination at 16-plus.

His objections to the draft critaria for new mathematics and English examinations for 16-year-olds highlight his concern to ensure that the needs of all children, but especially the brightest, are met.

That concern has come across in his comments on proposed new examinations for history, French and physics. He has also made clear his distaste for new-fangled notions such as the social applications of physics.

The new English criteria developed by the Joint Council of GCE and CSE boards say students should demonstrate their ability to express care for the conventions of paragraphing, sentence structure, punctuation and spelling in the written form of the language.

Sir Keith said a new examination should also require candidates to demonstrate their competence in the structures and vocabulary of standard written and spoken English. But examiners might give "some credit for effective spoken English using vocabulary or structure suited to a limited audience".

Many English teachers will not take kindly to this emphasis on standard English.

Sir Keith, together with the Secretary of State for Wales, is worried too about the section of the joint council criteria on English in a multi-cultural society. That said examiners snould consider whether special provision should be made for candidates whose mother tongue is not English.

Yesterday's statement from Sir Keith said: "National criteria for English should require all candidates to demonstrate their command of the standard forms of the language without excluding other forms."

The minister's detailed concern with examnation reform is unprecedented and has given rise to worries that he is dragging his feet about a development which has been in the pipeline for more than a decade.

But politically it is a difficult decision to go down in history as the minister who abolished O levels.

Pupils want preparation for work

By Our Education Correspondent

Young people believe overwhelmingly that school should prepare them for work and are frustrated that it does not, according to a report published yesterday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Part of the difficulty lies with the schools because they operate in isolation from the world of work and what is taught in class ignores that world, the report says. It took two-and-half years to complete and was based on information from 15 countries, including Britain.

"What they [young people] will do as adults seems to have little relationship to what they do in school, even though they are repeatedly being told that school is preparation for adulthood", the report says.

A boy clerk in Britain is quoted as saying: "I found that at school we were only taught to pass exams. . . . We were not educated about life . . . I discovered in my school life that I went to, listened to and learnt more from teachers who had worked outside the education circle. Perhaps it was a coincidence."

Schools have tried to do something about that by introducing textbooks about work, or by calling education a form of work.

"But no direct experience is offered of what it means to be a worker: adhering to time schedules, to contracts, relating to fellow workers, getting to know the position of one's job in the labour market, and so on.

Education and Work, The Views of the Young OECD. (Stationary Office, PO Box 276, London, SW8).

Chase girl died of head injury, coroner told

Elizabeth Nicholson, aged nine, who ran into the path at a car while being chased by a gang of boys, died of a skull fracture and brain injury, a coroner was told at Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday.

She died in Newcastle General Hospital on Monday, three days after the accident on the A19 near Seaham, co Durham.

The inquest on the girl, of Malvern Crescent, Seaham, was opened yesterday and adjourned to a date to be fixed.

Fall in apple crop set to raise prices

An unexpectedly sharp decline in the European apple crop is likely to mean substantially higher prices in the shops this autumn, as much as a quarter up on last year, (Our Agriculture Correspondent writes).

However, Mr Dick Walding, chief executive of the Apple and Pear Development Council, said that supplies should still be enough to meet demands.

Quoting authoratitive German sources, he forecast a 7 per cent drop in the British crop from 375,000 tonnes to 330,000 tonnes, but for the EEC as a whole, the fall was expected to be about 24 per cent, from 8,545,000 tonnes to 6,471,000 tonnes.

In contrast, pears were expected to be more plentiful.

Charity walker found safe

A long-distance charity walker, Mr Anthony Lancaster, missing for three days in Snowdonia, was found safe and well yesterday.

Mr Lancaster, aged 24, of Weston Rhyn, Oswestry, Shropshire, telephoned police from the Pen-y-Pass youth hostel near Capel Curig, Gwynedd, apparently unaware that a big search had been launched. Mr Lancaster had camped out on the mountainside to rest after feeling unwell.

Lynx to return to Pyrenees

Two five-year-old lynx from Riber Zoo, Matlock, Derbyshire, are to be released next month in the French Pyrenees where the animal became extinct 100 years ago.

Mr Edward Hallam, the zoo curator, said yesterday that the ventre was backed by the French government and the World Wildlife Fund. "We have been breeding lynx for 20 years and now have 40. This is the realization of a life's ambition."

Man accused of girl's murder

Robert John France, aged 27, of Deer Park Road, Langtoft, near Bourne, Lincolnshire, was sent for trial accused of murder after appearing at a special court in Bourne yesterday.

He will appear at either Lincoln Crown Court or Nottingham Crown Court charged with murdering Gillian Lesley Atkins, aged 14, of Brownlow Drive, Deeping St James, on or about April 4.

Police escort football fans

More than 100 supporters of Middlesbrough Football Club were escorted home by the police after a match with Hull City on Monday night. Their two coaches, which were damaged on the way to the match, left without them because the drivers said they would not risk further incidents.

The police persuaded Hull Corporation to make two coaches available and two officers travelled in each vehicle. Seven supporters were arrested.

Stowaways to fly home

Five Algerian stowaways who came to Britain by mistake on a cargo ship are to be flown home at the expense of the Algerian Government.

The Home Office said yesterday that the five men, held in Gloucester jail, would return on the first available Algerian aircraft. They had thought that the ship was going to Spain.

Nkomo returns from exile but refuses to engage in controversy

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

Mr Joshua Nkomo came home yesterday to a reception which was in stark contrast to the last time he returned from exile. Less than 100 supporters gathered at the airport to chant and sing on his arrival after five months in Britain, compared with an estimated 120,000 who welcomed him back in January, 1980.

Mr Nkomo, who expressed his delight at being home, said his first public task would be to appear in Parliament today to challenge a motion by the ruling Zanu (PF) Party to have his seat declared vacant.

At a press conference later, at which he dodged and parried questions on the sensitive issues of Matabeleland and guerrilla violence, he spoke of a need for a comprehensive solution to Zimbabwe's problems, but was not specific.

Spokesmen for his Patriotic Front party claimed that the low-key welcome, both at the airport and at his Harare home, was by design and intended to prevent incidents.

Mr Nkomo was accompanied on the overnight flight from London by Dr Herbert Ushewokunze, the Minister of Home Affairs, generally seen as an opponent of compromise over the rift between their respective parties. Mr Nkomo said he had had no contact with Dr Ushewokunze in London but that they had shaken hands and joked on the aircraft.

He spent more than an hour in the airport terminal being questioned by customs officials and by immigration officers about his unconventional exit from Zimbabwe on March 8 when he fled across the border to Botswana claiming his life was in danger. On emerging he was surrounded by about 60 ululating women and men chanting: "Zee", the rallying cry of the Patriotic Front.

Mr Nkomo, smiling broadly and carrying the walking stick which has become his symbol, was guided to a car and driven to his second home in Harare's Highfields suburb where about 200 supporters were assembled.

The last time Mr Nkomo assembled a press conference at the house on January 29 it was to disclose massacres of his supporters by the Fifth Brigade in Matabeleland.

Yesterday he was treading cautiously and his statements were of a far less dramatic nature. He emphasized it was vital that Zimbabweans be ready and willing to discuss their problems and find solutions, but he declined to define what he thought the problems were or how they could be tackled.

He confirmed that he had written to Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, while away, but said he had received no reply. Nevertheless he thought his absence had provided a necessary period for passions to cool.

"We must be prepared to sacrifice our face if necessary for the good of the coutry," Mr Nkomo said. The Government has said that the motion to strip Mr Nkom of his seat because he has missed 21 consecutive days of parliament will proceed.

Even if the motion is approved Mr Nkomo is virtually certain to stay on as an MP because under the Lancaster House constitution the Patriotic Front, which holds 20 seats in the 100-seat assembly, can nominate whoever it wishes to fill those seats.

Mugabe acts to curb corruption

From Our Correspondent, Harare

Alarmed at indications of a growth in corruption and misuse of public funds, the Zimbabwe Government is to amend anti-corruption legislation to provide stiffer penalties for the guilty, including forfeiture of property to the state.

Since Mr Robert Zwinoira, the former Zimbabwe High Commissioner to London, was recalled earlier this year over disclosures that he had paid £585,000 against Government instructions for a London mansion a number of such incidents have come to light.

Among those implicated are eight officials who have been charged with stealing aid meant for drought relief and the former Secretary-General of the Zimbabwe Red Cross Society who has appeared in court over an alleged £230,000 illegal foreign currency deal.

Bigger fish are still at large. Earlier this year Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, attacked avarice in local government officials and castigated members of his Cabinet who he said had acquired huge property interests since independence.

In the forefront of investigations into misuse of public funds is the Parliamentary Public Accounts Committee which in a recent indictment of the financial conduct of the Ministry of Youth, Sport and Recreation implicated Mr George Rutanhire, the Deputy Minister, who accepted a £3,800 loan from a property dealer after the Ministry bought a farm from him at a price twice its assessed value.

The same committee has criticized the Ministry of Defence for spending £25m over the past five years which has been unaccounted for

The most spectacular case of corruption involves Mr Patrick Kombayi, the former Mayor of Gweru, who was suspended from office in March and has since been expelled from the ruling party in which he once wielded some influence.

Mr Kombayi, who spent more than £65,000 of council funds on a mayoral Mercedes Benz and gold chains of office, was accused by the Government in June of a catalogue of misdemeanours including directing council contracts to his own businesses and putting more than 100 of his supporters on the city payroll as a personal police force. For these and other matters he is now under police investigation.

Although such cases are disturbing, not least to senior members of the Government, independent observers take it as a healthy sign that they are coming to light and in most cases action is being taken.



"America is the lion's heart of democracy. We have an obligation to give that democracy a voice, even an occasional roar". – President Reagan

Letter from Trieste

Castle of learning with a purple past

Once more, Duino is to be subjected to foreign occupation. Those who served over 30 years ago under Generals Harding, Airey or Winterton in the HQ administering the so-called Free Territory of Trieste will remember the wooden huts, the trestle tables, the British Army's ubiquitous mugs of tea and the officers' mess in the castle up the road.

For me to come back had something of the atmosphere of *Brideshead Revisited*, although the castle has long been returned to its owners. My camp bed in a castle annexe used to stand in a corner of a room that is being redecorated to become the headmaster's drawing room.

For Duino will open in September as home of the United World College of the Adriatic, the first group presided over by the Prince of Wales to be situated outside the English speaking world. "Village campus" is the description of the headmaster, David Sutcliffe, previously in charge of the College of the Atlantic, in Wales.

About 60 students will live in the castle annexe, which is being given a face-lift with the installation of parquet floors and marble-walled showers. But most, more than 100, will be put up in guest houses in the village. The old village school, being reconverted into modern classrooms, is still a builder's site but, as usual in Italy, most things will probably fall into place at the last moment.

It would be difficult to find a more cosmopolitan location. Three cultures meet here, Italian, Slav and Germanic. Most of Duino's 1,150 inhabitants are Slovene – they call it Devin – and the village is dominated, on a cliff overlooking the sea, by the castle of the Principe di Torre E Tasso. He is better known as the Prince of Thurn and Taxis, whose family instituted postal services in Central Europe long before the penny blacks of Victorian England.

The mayor, Signor Albino Skerk, is a slovene communist. He has, to quote Mr Sutcliffe, given "wonderful support" to the project for the college and is on its board.

The staff have just spent a cramped year lodged temporarily in a hotel on the coast towards Trieste with a first intake of 17 and 18-year-olds from 32 countries as far apart as Argentina, Zimbabwe and China. Scholarship funded and non-fee paying, the college runs two year pre-university courses, and will get regularly into its stride in a few weeks time.

The project was first mooted in 1971, but after the Friuli earthquake of 1976, Mr Sutcliffe says, "We really thought it was dead and buried". It nevertheless came about thanks to the Friuli-Venezia Giulia regional government's support

The area abounds in literary associations, classical and modern. Virgil, Livy and Strabo mention the Timavo river, which reemerges a couple of miles away after mysterious underground meanderings in Yugoslavia. The Austrian poet Rainer Maria Rilke conceived his Duino eulegies in the castle and published them in 1922, the same year as James Joyce published Ulysses, conceived in Trieste.

But all this was remote from the villagers, whose fathers remembered better the artillery bombardments of the First World War, or the prohibition under Fascism to use their language or their surnames. It was at Duino the Archduke Franz Ferdinand slept before departure in 1914 for Sarajevo and assassination.

After the Second World War, the castle was the scene of a virtual ultimatum from the British to Marshal Tito's chief of staff. It will be a new experience for the villagers to be directly involved in an experiment directed towards international understanding rather than international tension.

John Earle

Reagan men may take lie tests

From Christopher Thomas Washington

The FBI wants to give lie-detector tests to several senior figures as part of its investigation into how Mr Ronald Reagan's 1980 presidential campaign got hold of documents from the Carter White House.

According to *The Washington Post*, the FBI is seeking the Justice Department's permission to give such tests to Mr William Casey, Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and Mr James Baker, the White House Chief of Staff, as well as about 10 other people.

The purpose, it is said, is to resolve inconsistencies that have arisen during the investigation. Mr Baker has said he received Carter briefing papers for the 1980 presidential campaign from Mr Casey, bu Mr Casey says he does not recall seeing the papers

Mr Casey, who directed the 1980 Reagan campaign, has denied there was an intelligence operation seeking imformation and documents from inside the Carter campaign team.

The Washington Post yesterday quoted an investigator as saying that "a strong, unavoidable inference" that such an operation was receiving information from somebody working for President Jimmy Carter was contained in a memorandum to Mr Casey from a Reagan aide.

After a campaign-style speech-making tour, President Reagan arrived by helicopter at his ranch in Santa Barbara, California, yesterday for a holiday.

His holiday was delayed a day or so that he could talk to war veterans about his Central America policy, his main foreign affairs preoccupation. Mr John Glenn, leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination, appeared later on the same platform, much to the chagrin of Mr Reagan's aides.

Peking gives Hongkong breather until 1997

Peking (Reuter) – Mr Hu Yaobang, the Communist Party leader, has made it clear that China is prepared to wait until 1997 to recover sovereignty over Hongkong.

He told a Japanese newspaper delegation yesterday that China did not recognize the treaties under which Britain governs the territory, but he said Peking intended to recover sovereignty on July 1, 1997, the day after one of the Anglo-Chinese agreements expires.

"The recovery will be no sooner or later than that date, a day after the 1898 treaty will expire. (This is the treaty under which Britain leased Hongkong's New Territories for 99 years).

"We simply respect consequences of history, although we cannot approve the unfair treaty."

Western diplomats said this was the strongest sign so far that Peking does not propose to regain control of Hongkong before 1997

The delegation was from the Japanese daily *Mainichi Shimbun*, which quoted Mr Hu as saying the Sino-British talks on the future of the colony were "confined to the ways of preserving Hongkong's prosperity and stability after 1997 and what should be done from now to 1997."

Referring to the Shenzhen special economic zone on the Hongkong border, Mr Hu said: "We will build up experiences to achieve a model prosperity in the zone in the next 14 years so that we can maintain Hongkong's prosperity."

However, many Western businessmen regard Shenzhen as only a qualified success. Mr Hu also said that "local and foreign residents in Hongkong should feel at ease because China had a systematic policy to maintain Hongkong's prosperity."

Russians refuse to hand back war criminal

Moscow (AFP) – Mr Yermak Lukianou, a Soviet-born Belgian citizen sentenced to death here on July 8 for war crimes, will not be handed back to the Belgian authorities, Tass said yesterday.

Mr Lukianou, aged 63, was arrested while on holiday here with his family in 1968 and spent 15 years in a Soviet psychiatric institution before being released last year and subsequently tried.

Tass listed Second World War crimes for which the military court in Elista, capital of the Kalmyskaya autonomous republic northwest of the Caspian Sea, sentenced Mr Lukianou to death.

The article was the first reference by the Soviet news agency to Mr Lukianou, who left the Soviet Union in 1944 and became a Belgian citizen in 1967, shortly before his arrest.

Mr Lukianou was a wartime officer in the Red Army before being captured by the Nazis and changing sides to fight for them in German-occupied regions of the Soviet Union and in Poland, Tass said.

"The circumstances of Lukianou's betrayal and of the crimes he committed in the Soviet Union and Poland are recorded in a 45-volume dossier containing documentary proof of his guilt

In Belgium, the Foreign Minister, Mr Leo Tíndemans, said that a consular agreement between Belgium and the Soviet Union stipulated that each be notified in the event of a trial of one of its citizens.

● Moscow (Reuter) – Aleksander Korol, a Byelorussian who collaborated with the Germans during the Second World War, has been sentenced to death, Tass reported. Soviet authorities had been hunting Korol, accused of being involved in a massacre, for 40 years.

Superpower row over second boy

From Mohsin Ali Washington

Moscow (Reuter) – The Soviet Union has protested to the United States over the questioning of a teenage Soviet boy who was about to fly home from Washington, Tass reported yesterday.

A Note passed from the Soviet Embassy in Washington to the State Department described the incident, involving the son of a Tass correspondent, as a provocation. It accused the United States authorities of trying to persuade the boy to stay in America.

According to reports from Washington, the boy was questioned by officials trying to locate the 16-year-old son of a senior Soviet diplomat who wrote to President Reagan saying he wanted to stay.

Tass said the son of its correspondent Mr Vyacheslav Kukharenko had been trying to board an aircraft at Dulles Airport with his family when he was twice interrogated by immigaion officials and FBI agents.

The American officals had "flagrantly tried to talk Kukharenko's 15-year-old son into staying in the United States rather than returning to the Soviet Union.

Tass made no reference to the case of the diplomats son, Andrei Berezhkov, and there has been no mention of it at all in the Soviet media so far.

Tss said the case of the Tass correspondent's son showed "that a systematic provocation campaign is being conducted against Soviet people working in Washington, interfering in the normal functioning of Soviet agencies."

United States police have been watching the homes of soviet diplomats to ensure no attempt is made to smuggle the Andrei Berezhkov out of the country against his will.

Relatives go to memory loss tourist

Washington – Relatives of Mantis Gassiunas, aged 24, who is in hospital in Portland, Oregon, with almost total loss of memory, are to join him from England and Australia within a day or two (Christopher Thomas writes).

The hospital yesterday confirmed his identity "beyond doubt". Mr Gassiunas, who comes from Melbourne, had been in England and was hitch-hiking through the United States when the car in which he was travelling crashed.

When he regained consciousness he thought his name was David Miller. It is believed he is of Lithuanian descent although a language test was inconclusive.

Rash climbers die in Alps

Grindelwald (Reuter) – Since the beginning of June 64 mountaineers have been killed in the Swiss Alps, 23 of them this month, police said. Most deaths appeared to be caused by recklessness.

Five died in the Valais over the weekend, two of them Frenchmen climbing the Matterhorn; a West German died on Monday on the Wetterhorn, and rescuers gave up looking for another German missing since his companion fell to his death on the Eiger here.

Buried alive

Freetown (Reuter)–About 50 miners are feared to have died in a mining accident in eastern Sierra Leone, the *Freetown Daily Mail* said. They were buried alive when a huge boulder caved in last week on a mining site belonging to the National Diamond Co near Yengema.

Flag insulted

Madrid – A town councillor in San Sebastian, Señor Herri Batasuna, who helped Besque extremists take down the Spanish flag from the town hall on Monday was arrested. The flag had only hours earlier been hoisted to mark the city's annual fiesta.

Historic poll

Port-au-Prince (AFP) – Mr Franck Romain swept to victory with 98 per cent of the poll to become Mayor of Port-au-Prince in the final round of the first municipal elections in Haiti for 26 years.

Typhoon chaos

Tokyo (Reuter) – Landslips and floods caused by the approach of Typhoon Abby have stranded about 18,000 train passengers west of Tokyo. One woman was drowned in a swollen river near Mt Fuji.

Mine tragedy

Johannesburg (Reuter) – Six black miners were killed when a rock burst 6,000ft underground at the world's deepest gold mine, Western Deep Levels, south-west of Johannesburg.

Father says he would have killed

From Ray Kennedy Johannesburg

Mr Harry Mullocks, father of Mrs Maureen Smith, the London woman sentenced to death in South Africa for the murder of her husband, was prepared to kill him himself if it seemed the only way of ending his daughter's unhappy marriage, according to an affidavit submitted to the Appeal Court in Bloemfontein yesterday.

The affidavit, made in London by Mr Mullocks, who refused to give evidence at his daughter's trial in Johannesburg, formed the basis to an application by defence counsel for his evidence to be taken on commission in London and the trial reopened.

Five judges are hearing Mrs Smith's appeal against her conviction and sentence for the murder of her husband, Roger Smith, in Johannesburg last July. They are also hearing the appeals against their death sentences of the two black assassins hired to carry out the killing, Jack Ramagane and David Mnguni.

In the affidavit, Mr Mullocks said he twice refused to assist his daughter's legal advisers, at first because he was warned he might be arrested in South Africa and tried as an accomplice, and on the second occasion after being told he could face prosecution in Britain. He was convinced then that his daughter would not be sentenced to death.

On the day of the murder, he said, his daughter telephoned him and said she needed 10,000 rands (about £6,000). It was obvious this was to pay the killers, and he indicate he would arrange with a Durban bank to release the money to his granddaughter, Miss Karen Wood.

Mr Mullocks said he believed that unless something was done to get rid of Mr Smith, who refused to give his wife a divorce. He was also furious over Mr Smith's threats to blackmail him with photocopies of documents taken from his safe.

"It is clear that I wanted Smith to be disposed of," the affidavit stated. "He was causing my daughter and granddaughter a great deal of unhappiness, and it was quite clear that he would not give his wife her freedom in the conventional way.

Later, he said, it seemed, more practical if someone in South Africa was employed to get rid of Mr Smith.

Mrs Smith and her fellow-murderers were not at the Appeal Court yesterday. Mr Mnugni, it was said, was a poor man and the offer of 10,000 rands to carry out the murder had seemed a fortune. Mr Ramagane had been threatened with losing his job as the Smith family chauffeur if he did not follow intructions.



Emphatic message: Mr Arens stating his Government's position loud and clear in Beirut.

Israel gives Lebanon unwritten ultimatum

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Professor Moshe Arens flew into Beirut yesterday with a message for President Gemayel of Lebanon. The Israeli Defence Minister did not meet the Lebanese leader, nor did he carry a written ultimatum.

The message, however, was loud and clear: Start negotiating now between the rival Christian and Druze militias in the Chouf mountains – because the Israelis are about to withdraw even if the two sides have not stopped fighting.

Mr Arens delivered his most stringent comments at a press conference at Yarse, warning the Syrians not to attack the Israeli Army in the Bekaa valley and disclaiming any Israeli responsibility for the continuing savagery in the Israeli-occupied Chouf.

Then he and his advisers went to east Beirut, reportedly for talks with Mr Fadi Frem, the commander of the Christian Phalangist militia. The visit must have concentrated a few minds in the offices of the Lebanese Cabinet half a mile away.

All Mr Arens could offer the Lebanese Government was an assurance that Israel intended to withdraw from the whole of Lebanon and that the redeployment of the Israeli Army along the Awali River was "only part of that total withdrawal".

Reading from a prepared text, he added: "It is our firm desire to see a strong central government restoring its authority over the whole of Lebanon ... it is Syria which is doing everything to prevent the total evacuation of all foreign forces from this country."

Mr Arens said that the Israeli Army would do all it could to ensure a peaceful handover of the Chouf to the Lebanese Army but there was no doubt about what was on his mind.

"The Lebanese Government," he said, "should be putting greater emphasis on trying to reach a political accomodation between Christian and Druze communities in the Chouf and coordinating the future redeployment of the Lebanese Army units with us in the light of our planned evacuation of the area ... We cannot make the movement of our troops contingent on arrangements that may or may not be made in the area."

By far his harshest words were reserved for the Syrians. President Assad, he said, was a dictator. "Like many dictators in the world past and present (he) is intent on military confrontations in order to strengthen his position at home. We had that kind of experience before with the Syrians so I would not rule out the possibility that the Syrians would be looking for a military confrontation."

He added: "I assure you they would be beaten very soundly if there was to be a new confrontation between the Israeli and Syrian armies."

Meanwhile, Beirut airport reopened yesterday to commercial airliners after being closed for six days.

† TEL AVIV: The partial withdrawal of the Israeli Army from a 600 square kilometre area of occupied Lebanon, including the Chouf mountains, is due to begin "in a matter of days", according to Lieutenant-General Moshe Levy, the new Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Forces (Christopher Walker writes).

Taps and tempers run short in Spain

From Harry Debelius, Madrid

Suspicions that the shotgun killing of a farmer in south-east Spain may have been motivated by a dispute over irrigation waters focused attention here yesterday on a growing wave of drought-provoked violence.

Señor Pascual Mena was shot close to midnight on August 1 while watering his land near Murcia from irrigation canals, in an area where tension prevailed over the distribution of diminishing supply of water

After more than three years of drought, some farmers have been taking more than their authorized share from canals and resorting to such tactics as irrigation under cover of darkness or diverting water from other farms.

On August 3, more than 2,000 inhabitants of the farming village of Dolores, near Murcia, overpowered a small detachment of the Civil Guard keeping watch over an irrigation canal and with a power shovel scooped out a hole in the side of the canal thus diverting water to their farms.

Trade unionists demand Chile sanctions

Brussels (Reuter) – The world's largest non-communist group yesterday called on all countries to isolate the government of President Pinochet in Chile.

John Vanderveken, head of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), which sent a fact-finding mission to Chile in July, said the 85 million workers in 95 countries represented by ICFTU would step up their action to outlaw Chile. He called on government's to halt all military aid to Chile.

● LIMA: Peru has released Father Jean-Marie Mondet, a French priest aged 61, after 25 days of detention on suspicion of involvement in guerilla activities. (AFP reports). Father Mondet must remain in Peru until the end of the trial of his former secretary, who is accused of living with the leader of the ultra-Leftist Path of Light guerilla movement.

Poll results puts Ibadan in fear

Lagos (Reuter) – President Shagari's party swept governorship elections in the troubled western state of Oyo, raising fears of renewed violence as official results were announced yesterday.

The results gave Mr Omololu Olunloyo, the candidate of Mr Shagari's National Party of Nigeria, a victory by a large majority over Mr Bola Ige, the Governor and candidate of the Unity Party of Nigeria.

But Mr Ige contested the results in a radio broadcast from Ibadan, the state capital where seven people died in violence during the voting on Saturday. He said that he was the rightful winner, and warned what he called "political robbers" that they would not be allowed to rule the state.

"As far as I and the UPN and the people of Oyo are concerned, I won the elections with a landslide," Mr Ige said.

"Those who sow the seeds of evil will reap the whirlwind."

Residents in Ibadan were said to fear renewed violence. The radio said that an uneasy calm prevailed, with most markets shut and Ibadan streets deserted. Public meetings have been banned throughout Oyo for two weeks.

The NPN received 58 per cent of the vote in Oyo, a stunning gain over Mr Shagari's 37 per cent poll in the presidential elections. In the army-run elections in 1979, the NPN merely dented the vote in the state.

The Oyo state government radio, reporting on the tension in Ibadan, punctuated its programme with a song by the popular Nigerian pop star, Fela Kuti, entitled "Danger, Danger".

Overall returns gave the NPN control of eight of 12 states declared so far in the first elections organized by civilians in 20 years.

Newspaper reports said that tension was rising in several parts of the country as the NPN won in opposition strongholds.

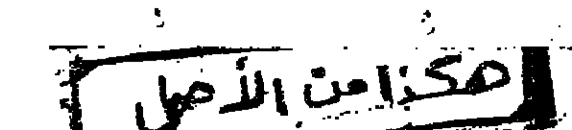
The violence during the governorship elections contrasted with the presidential polls, in which peaceful voting surprised many Nigerians.

The President's party also took control from the UPN in the state of Bendel. It won in eastern Anambra, where Mr Jim Nwobodo, the outgoing governor, of the Nigerian People's Party rejected the outcome.

In northern Kano, the ruling People's Redemption Party confirmed its control of the state, defeating Mr Abubakar Rimi, the former governor, who ran on a NPP ticket.

The NPN gained from the collapse of the Great Nigerian People's Party to win in the vast north-eastern state of Borno.

The latest results also showed the NPN in firm control of Mr Shagari's home state of Sokoto where the party's candidate polled more than three million votes, about 96 per cent of the total ballot.



Rag-tag army prepares to defend Ndjamena against rebel advance

From Joseph Albright, Cox News Service

Massakori, Chad – At a former French military post 90 miles north of the capital, a rag-tag unit of Chadian soldiers languidly prepared to stop any Libyan advance.

"If the Libyans come, we will throw them back to the base where they came from", said Tchou Yaya, aged 30, a soldier in camouflage fatigues and rubber sandels. Thirty-five strong, these men of the Brigade Militaire de Massakori defend one of the two sizable towns between the Libyan tanks and Chad's capital, Ndjamena.

Chad's frontline army, or what remains of it, is based 196 miles farther north at a small desert village called Salal. Also at Salal is a small detachment of French paratroopers.

Libyan and Libyan-backed rebel forces are reportedly regrouping after they seized the town of Faya Largeau, forcing the Chadian defenders to withdraw to Salal, 280 miles to the south.

Here at Massakori, the brigade commander, Sallah Hilli, a wizened former guerrilla fighter who says he is 30, keeps a loaded grenade launcher behind the desk of his mud-brick office. As he showed two visiting correspondents around the dusty courtyard of his garrison, half a dozen rifles of uncertain vintage could be seen propped against a tree. The commander was bitter about the Libyan victory in the north. "Libya, it is rich from oil, that is why they have the tanks," he said. He picked up a pinch of dusty sand and let it drop. "The land, that is our father and our mother. We are chadians. For our country we are ready to die."

Muhammad Hadje, a 15-year-old soldier with a Kalashnikov rifle hanging from his shoulder, watched as his commander was being interviewed.

Through an Arabic-speaking interpreter, a reporter asked the young soldier whether he, too, was ready to face the Libyans. Seeming not to understand, he said nothing. The commander repeated the question. When the young soldier again said nothing, he slapped him smartly across the face. "I am ready to fight", Hadje said finally.

Massakori is a sprawling town of one-storey mud-walled houses, with a population estimated at 10,000 by one French doctor.

On Sunday, when the journalists arrived, an ostrich stood under a tree about 50 yards from the commander's office. In the centre of the town, there is a large open market-place.

It was market day, and the place was packed with several thousand Chadians, along with groaning camels, goats, chickens, motorcycles and Japanese pick-up trucks.

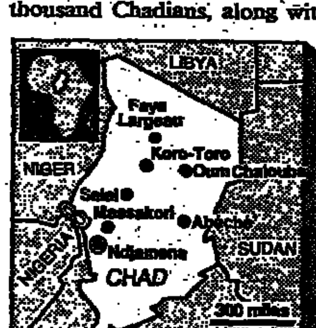
Muhammad, a student, was asked if he expected the Libyans to reach Massakori. "I hope it will not be." Asked if he was willing to fight if called on, he said: "I am capable for my country."

Until now, the 100 or so journalists covering the Chadian war have been unable to leave the city limits of Ndjamena. On Sunday, two journalists paid a lorry driver to take them to Massakori and back. There were no difficulties except for a puncture and three broken springs. Credentials issued by the Chadian Information Ministry were accepted without question at half a dozen road blocks along the way.

The trip along this main road to northern Chad made it evident that President Hissène Habré's defences are extremely thin in the region just north of the capital. Not a single military unit was seen between Ndjamena and Massakori. There were a few soldiers at road blocks but no sign of heavy weapons.

In the town of Massaguet, 49 miles north of Ndjamena, there is a small brigade headquarters where a few soldiers were serving as policemen. Inside, the brigade secretary, Ahmed Djidi Ali Kedir, aged 23, said people were fearful at the thought of Libyan soldiers reaching Massaguet.

The 180-mile round trip between Ndjamena and Massakori took 11 hours over rutted unmade roads that were interrupted by occasional tarred, but potholed stretches.




Memphis pilgrimage: Fans flocking to Elvis Presley's grave on the sixth anniversary of the singer's death.

Pakistani police fire into air to halt riot

From Hasan Akhtar
Islamabad

Police fired into the air yesterday at Dadu, a town about 200 miles north of Karachi, to break up a crowd, estimated at about 2,000 people, which hd attacked two banks, a telephone exchange and Government vehicles. Several people are believed to have been injured and some arrested.

Police are also reported to have fired shots to quell a jail riot in Nawabshah, in Sind. Nawabshaw's principal political figure, Mr Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, a former chief minister of Sind, was arrested on Monday in Karachi for defying a ban on political activity.

In Hyderabad, another important city of Sind about 100 miles north of Karachi, medical students boycotted their classes and demonstrated outside their college with slogans against martial law and demanding the release of Miss Benazir Bhutto, daughter of the executed Prime Minister, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who has been in detention since March 1981, and other detained opposition leaders.

Police are also reported to have fired tear gas shells in Tharparkar, in Sind, to break up a protest rally. In Rawalpindi several hundred people turned up on a busy road yesterday to applaud six political workers who defied the ban on public demonstrations and courted arrests.

Press reports say that protests continued in Karachi for the third day yesterday when some opposition leaders defied prohibitory orders and held a demonstration. Similar incidents were reported from other towns.

Several people including a child were injured in a bomb explosion on Monday in Lahore, the Punjab provincial capital.

Promise to keep the Rand Daily Mail open

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg

A commitment to continue publication of the Johannesburg *Rand Daily Mail*, South Africa's leading anti-government and campaigning newspaper has been given by its owners, South African Associated Newspaper.

The RDM, as it is known, is running at a huge loss and there has been growing speculation *that it would be forced to close* or abandon its intensely political format and become a financial daily. Mr Clive Kinsley, managing director of the newspaper group, said in a statement published on the front page yesterday: "The closure of the *Mail* is not an option it (the board) will consider. Nor will it allow the character of the newspaper to be changed".

But he also announced that from October 4 its business news section would be carried in a separate supplement and that "refinements" would be introduced gradually to the general news pages. The *Mail*, with an audited circulation of 118,000 copies a day, is facing stiff competition from *The Citizen*, the newspaper launched with secret funds by the now defunct Department of Information to counter the *Mail's* vigorous anti-apartheid line.

The Citizen has steadily closed on the *Mail* and has an audited circulation of 72,000 copies daily, claiming to have a higher percentage of white readers. *The Mail*, published a special edition for blacks which *The Citizen* claims accounts for half its daily circulation.

Mr Kinsley's statement indicates that the *Mail* will continue to cater specially for its black readers despite arguments that a large black readership discourages advertisers who feel the best returns are still to be found *among higher income whites*.

The assurance that the *Mail* will not change its character will also be a comfort to the official opposition, the Progressive Federal Party which the newspaper has championed since its inception. South African Associated Newspapers yesterday reported a 39 percent drop in earnings for the first six months of the year and said that the *Mail* would record "a heavy loss" this year and next.

But the English-language press is faring better on the whole than Afrikaans-language newspapers. In Johannesburg, *Die Transvaler*, the mouthpiece of the National Party in the Transvaal, has been forced to abandon the battle for survival and has merged with two *Pretoria evening newspapers*.

Why Honecker is so welcome

Warsaw (Reuter) – Herr Erich Honecker, the East German head of state, began a three day visit yesterday as part of a process of rehabilitating Poland in the eyes of its Soviet block allies after three years of political upheaval.

His arrival coincided with the announcement of new measures in Gdansk to prevent demonstrations after two days of protests by workers supporting the banned trade union Solidarity.

The East German leader was warmly greeted by General Wojciech Jaruzelski, the Polish Prime Minister and party leader.

Herr Honecker, who keeps a tight grip on East German internal security, was one of the most outspoken critics of *Solidarity and of past compro*mises by the Polish Government.

Western diplomats see his vist, the first to Poland by a Soviet block head of state since martial law was lifted last month, as setting a seal of approval on General Jaruzelski's handling of the Solidarity challenge.

The two leaders began talks yesterday. Polish newspapers said his visit opened a new stage in relations with East Germany.

The party newspaper *Trybuna Ludu* said Herr Honecker was coming at a time when Western states were trying to exploit Poland's internal problems to undermine bonds among socialist countries.

The Deputy Prime Minister Mr Mieczyslaw Rakowski, in an interview on US television on Monday, ruled out talks with Mr Lech Walesa, leader of *Solidarity as demanded by a* secret shipyard workers' group, *which called for a go-slow if talks did not start by next week.*

● **Meetings banned:** Poland *yesterday banned all unauthorized* meetings in Gdansk until September 15 (AFP reports). The move comes after Mr Walesa flung down the guantlet to the Government on Monday by leading some 500 Gdansk workers to the monument commemorating the worker-*victims of the 1970 riots.*

He also warned the Govern*ment to start negotiations* with Solidarity, to be attended by the Catholic church, on respecting the 1980 Gdansk accords or face a demonstration in Gdansk on August 22.

The ban on meetings extends beyond the third anniversary on August 31 of the Gdansk accords, in which *the Government* agreed to 21 demands by *striking workers. It has been* used as a rallying point for *support by Mr Walesa.*

Sri Lankan tea workers seek safety

Colombo (Reuter)– Thousands of people of Indian origin in Sri Lanka, victims of last *month's racial riots*, are seeking assurances of protection from *the Sri Lankan Government.*

The Ceylon Workers Congress (CWC), the main trade union of the people who work in the island's tea plantations, has sought a meeting with President Jayewardene to discuss measures to enable them to live in Sri Lanka "with dignity, safety and security as equals with the rest of the population".

Mr Savumiamoorthy Thondaman, the CWC president, *who is also Minister of Rural* Industrial Development, told *Reuters he would have to* advise people of Indian origin, *including* those who had Sri Lankan citizenship, to go back to India if the Government was unable to give them adequate protection.

Indian Tamils, now numbering around 825,000, are the descendants of people brought from southern India by the British more than 100 years ago to work in tea and rubber *plantations in the Central* Highlands.

They form a separate group from the Sri Lanka Tamils, who live mainly in the northern and eastern provinces and are demanding a separate state.

Sri Lanka and India signed agreements in 1964 and 1974 under which 375,000 "stateless" Indians in the island would be granted Sri Lanka citizenship and 600,000 would be repatriated to India. Up to the end of last year, 406,000 people had been repatriated and Sri Lanka had given citizenship to *176,000.*

The CWC said in a statement that a *concerted attempt* had been made to destroy the houses and belongings of people of Indian origin during the riots.

Meanwhile, Sri Lanka, its image as a peaceful paradise island shattered by the riots, has launched a drive to attract tourists again.

Officials said there were about 10,000 visitors in the country when the ethnic violence started.

During the *troubles*, Sri Lanka suspended all charter flights bringing tourists and advised diplomatic missions and tourist offices abroad not to encourage visitors to come to the island.

● **Jayewardene plea:** President Jayewardene has described the riots as a crisis not only of political and economic decline but also a crisis of civilization (our correspondent writes).

He said on Monday: "We have lived in very troubled times. It is *too early* to assess how it happened and why it happened and on my *part* I must take a large measure of the blame for the traumatic experience we have all gone through.

Insurgents pound Kabul fortress

Islamabad (Reuter) – Afghan guerrillas staged a five-hour attack at the weekend on a Soviet-manned fortress overlooking Kabul, Western diplomats said here yesterday.

They quoted their embassies *as saying the attack*, which lasted late into Saturday night, was one of the largest seen in the capital since the Soviet intervention in 1979.

The guerrillas also pounded the Radio Afghanistan building and the Mikrorayon residential complex, where many Soviet officials and Afghan Communist leaders live, they said.

The diplomats had no reports of casualties in the Bala Hissar fortress, which was hit by mortar and rocket fire from three separate points in the city, but they said smoke was still rising from the thick-walled compound on Sunday morning.

During the shelling, afghan troops beamed spotlights and fired tracer bullets at guerrilla positions on a mountain near the fortress. The lower slopes are crowded with shanty-towns.

There were no details of casualties in Mikrorayon, where *blocks* of flats and local security police headquarters were also targets. Radio *Afghanistan* was hit by mortar fire, but did not *appear* much damaged.

The diplomats said travellers arriving from the south were subject to frequent searches and road blocks on Saturday, indicating that the Government may have suspected guerrilla activity that night.

Two Afghan Communist Party members were shot and killed near the police academy on August 9, presumably by guerrillas, they added.

In *another* attack on the outskirts of Kabul, about a dozen men from the Defence of the Revolution militia were captured by guerrillas.

The village of Ghaza, near the resort town of Paghman, was bombed on Thursday night and Kabul residents reported that parts were still smoking and on fire the next morning.

10 Swiss seized from Ethiopia orphanage

Nairobi (AFP) – The kidnap by Tigrean nationalists of 10 Swiss nationals, including six relief agency workers, occurred on August 3 at Jari, 280 miles north of Addis Ababa, it was confirmed here.

The six, accompanied by four relatives, were working at an orphanage set up several years ago by the *humanitarian organization*, Terre des Hommes. The staff at Jari was increased recently because of the serious drought affecting the Wollo region and the neighbouring provinces of Tigré and Eritrea.

It is the second time this year aid workers have been seized by the Tigrean People's Liberation Front, which for nine years has been fighting for the *independence* of Tigré in northern Ethiopia.

A dozen foreigners, most of them working for the Save the Children Fund, were abducted in April from Korem, about 65 miles north of Jari on the road from Addis Ababa to Asmara, the Eritrean capital. They were freed six weeks later after being *taken across the Sudan border*.

A spokesman at the Lausanne *headquarters* of Terre des Hommes said the organization had been in touch with the International Red Cross to seek the release of the Swiss.

The Ethiopian authorities, in line with their usual policy when "secessionist bandits" are involved, have made no comment.

Pravda reveals murder at sea

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Western shipping magnates, fearful of cutthroat competition from the Soviet merchant navy may be comforted to know that *it sometimes suffers from* indiscipline, drunkenness and *even the occasional mutiny.*

According to *Pravda*, the recent murder of a merchant navy captain by his second mechanic on the Sea of Azov has lessons for the rest of the fleet.

Captain Levchenko was given the command of the *Sabirabad two years ago. He* was conidered energetic, modest, *friendly and* communicative, except by Second Mechanic Grazhdenkin, who was "a born troublemaker".

On his previous ships, Pravda said, Grazhdenkin was constantly drunk or picking fights with fellow crew, and resented the fact *that* Captain Levchenko ran a tight ship.

The animosity was mutual, and when the mehanic went on leave last April the captain sent a cable to the Azov shipping line asking for Grazhdenkin to be transferred. Despite Grazhdenkin's reputation the request was ignored, and when he came back he went from bad to worse, *striking the second* mate, attempting to jump ship and *threatening* the captain when rebuked.

The climax came when the Sabirabad docked at its home port of Zhdanov – without a captain. A search had been conducted at sea, the crew told officials, but without result. The finger of suspicion pointed at Grazhdenkin, who at first denied everything but then admitted his guilt. He was coming off watch, he said, when he spotted the captain and asked him to step on to the poop to talk things over.

Tempers flared, and Grazhdenkin struck captain Levchenko on the head several times with a pair of pliers before throwing him overboard.

Pravda said Grazhdenkin had been sentenced to death for *murder*, and *accused* the Azov shipping line of "not paying enough attention to the selection and placing of personnel". It said there were probably many more cases of drunken and insubordinate behaviour on board ship than came to light.

Chinese to feed pandas as bamboo famine looms

Peking (AFP) – China has allotted 300,000 yuan (about £100,000) to help feed pandas threatened by famine because their staple food, the bamboo, is in flower.

The English-language *China Daily* said the decision was made by Dr Yang *Zhong*, the Forests Minister, who oversees 90 per cent of China's nature reserves. The pandas are threatened by a natural *phenomenon* that occurs only once every 50 to 60 years – the flowering and withering of bamboo.

About 1,200 *pandas live in* 12 reserves in China, 10 of which are in Sichuan Province, which will get two-thirds of the money. *The* largest reserve, Wolong in the Qionglai mountains, appears to be the most affected.

A *Sichuan* nature protection official, Mr Hu Tiejing, said he expected the problem to be at its worst next winter and spring. Bamboo, sugar cane and other food has been sent to the reserves, although officials have considered moving the pandas to other areas or to zoos. *China Daily* said another, less desirable solution would be to build farms in the reserves where the pandas would be cared for.

Some 150 pandas died in a similar catastrophe in Sichuan some years ago. The most severely affected reserve was Wangland in the Minshan mountains where more than 90 per cent of the panda population died of starvation.

International plea: An international body regulating trade in wildlife products has urged China to tighten conrols on the sale of giant pandas and panda skins (Reuter reports).

In a letter to the Forestry Ministry, the secretariat of the Convention on Trade and Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna expressed concern about reports that panda skins had been offered for sale by a company in Taiwan.

It said it had information that a panda skin was bought for £33,000 and imported into Japan.

SPECTRUM

Mayor Edward Koch, the flamboyant politician who keeps the New York show on the road, is having a tougher time these days with his increasingly critical racial minorities. **Trevor Fishlock** reports on his struggle

You're not doing so good now, Ed . . .

New York
It is very hot in Harlem, even hotter in this second-floor room where bodies are packed closely together, squirming, wet-shirted and as sticky as fudge. Someone pleads into a microphone: "Cool it, brothers and sisters, cool it." Everyone is straining for a glimpse of the Chief New Yorker, Mayor Edward Koch. He's there in the thicket of cameras, lights and stick mikes. The people, mostly black, want to hear what he has to say and to make their own feelings known. They think Mayor Koch has some explaining to do.

But it is no good. There are too many people, too much noise. A crowd clamours outside, feeling cheated and saying the affair is a sham.

This is a congressional inquiry and the mayor is here with senior policemen to defend the city's police against allegations that they have a down on blacks and Puerto Ricans and handle them roughly. But the second layer of the matter is that the mayor's own racial and class attitudes are under scrutiny – and, by extension, so is the way he runs this monstrous and marvellous imperial capital.

"The mayor is the biggest man in town, the guy who sets the tone", a black subway worker says, "and as far as we're concerned the tone around here is not good."

The hearing has to be postponed to another day, to be moved to a larger room. The mayor is booed as he climbs into his car and people bang their fists on the bonnet. The mayor is not a man to be intimidated: he can stand the heat in the kitchen. But his natural ebullience is muted and he looks pensive. This is no time for his famous catchphrase: "How'm I doing?"

He calls out those words all the time as he ranges New York, the best-known face in the city. It is also the title of a published collection of his aphorisms. "You're doing fine, Ed", the people usually shout back. Sometimes he answers the questions himself – "How'm I doing? Terrific!" – for Mr Koch fakes nothing, certainly not modesty. But in Harlem on this steamy day the answer to "How'm I doing?" would have to be: "Not so good, Ed."

The racial question has always been in the background of his six-year mayoralty. Many blacks and Hispanics think him unsympathetic to their difficulties: unemployment, poor housing, inadequate services, Rachmanism and diminished hope. Many white liberals agree with them. There is a perception that the Koch Raj favours the middle class and that it is, at least partly, responsible for developments changing New York, particularly the crowded golden core, the island of Manhattan, mainspring of finance, business, art and creative endeavour.

What is happening is that the young and well-off are steadily colonizing areas once cheap and lower middle-class. Even on the dismal Lower East Side, where trembling marionettes of junkies buy their drugs, there are the beginnings of change.

In the centre of this rumbling conflict stands Mayor Koch, popular with the majority, assertive, flamboyant and an unashamed champion of the middle class.

"Sure I am," he said to me in his office in City Hall. "I believe in middle-class values, the work ethic, the revulsion against crime. From my first day in office I have said there is nothing wrong with being middle class. The middle class pays the taxes and provides the jobs which provide the services for the poor. Stomp on the middle class and it will leave.


Carol Bellamy: sparring partner


Mayor Koch looking down from the steps of his power house

"But it's baloney to say I discriminate. Twenty-six per cent of the people here are below the poverty line and get 56 per cent of the budget. No city in the country gives so much. I am sensitive to the needs of all poor people, black or white. I was poor myself once."

Mr Koch's life has been a classic enactment of the American dream. He was born in the Bronx in 1924, the son of Polish Jewish immigrants, and knew hard times in the depression. He worked in a shoe shop to pay his way through law school, served in the army in Europe during the war and, retiring as a sergeant, started a legal career.

He entered liberal politics as a leading Greenwich Village reformer, was a civil rights worker in the deep South, opposed the Vietnam war, and was a Democrat Congressman for Manhattan for nine years. In 1977 he ran for the top job in American municipal politics and won with 48 per cent of the vote. By then his outlook had changed.

John Lindsay, one of his predecessors, made friends with rich whites and poor blacks, but had neglected the white middle class. It was to this latter group that Ed Koch made a direct appeal. He was pro-capital punishment, and called for a crackdown on crime, cuts in public spending, and an end to racial quotas. He attacked "poverticians", a word his critics construed as blacks. He is no economic wizard and was fortunate to arrive in City Hall when New York's financial crisis, the bleak November of liberal belief in free spending on services, was already being reined.

He had both Democrat and Republican support when he ran again in 1981, and won with 75 per cent, the highest popularity rating of any mayor. He is a bachelor with a full-time commitment to public service, an occupation he considers noble.

He is a kind of metaphor for New York, being what many New Yorkers think they are: street-smart, abrasive, quick with a gag, confrontationist. His New York cadences are peppered with phrases like "it's outrageous" "baloney" and "schmuck". He runs the show and loves doing so, the best-known mayor of New York since Fiorello LaGuardia.

He gave me this assessment of himself: "I am the best salesman this city has had for a long time. Even my enemies have to agree my personality has been helpful to the city. In 1975-77 people walked around with a hangdog look and we were on the edge of bankruptcy. We've restored to New York the spunk it used to have. I'm partly a cheerleader. I'm good at communicating complicated issues in a simple way. People know I'm financially and intellectually honest." (His salary is £73,000 a year and he makes public all his finances).

Mr Koch is tenacious and determined and has a retentive memory for slights. He doesn't often forgive: he gets even. He says he does not get ulcers because he says what he thinks. His robustness and candour have rubbed fur the wrong way.

The mayor thinks the Harlem inquiry is meant, partly, as a political stick to beat him. Chicago and Philadelphia have recently elected black mayors and many blacks think New York should have one. Although the proportion of blacks and Hispanics in New York has increased, so that whites are now 52 per cent of the population, black political influence has declined. The population of Harlem, for example, rose by a third in the 1970s, but the mayor did not compensate by putting blacks into top jobs, and this can be seen as a political error.

Carol Bellamy, president of the City Council since 1977, thinks the mayor's language and attitudes have created racial tension. "Mayor Koch is a smart man who wants to make the city better, and he is in many ways reasonable and fair. But his words and attitudes have created an impression that New York does not care, and his administration is not sensitive to blacks and Hispanics."

For Miss Bellamy, sharing City Hall with Mayor Koch is never dull. She is 41 years old, and, like the mayor, springs from a working-class background, is a lawyer, single and a devoted, full-time public servant.

Real power lies in the executive office of mayor, not in the City Council. But to some extent the Council president is a loyal opposition, and Miss Bellamy sees her job as being part of the checks and balances of the administration. As for Mr Koch . . . "I'm his sparring partner. He's not always right and someone has to take him on. We've had our spats."

New York is not quite the city it was: a million people left it in the 1970s. For many of them the difficulties were too much to bear. Taxes are higher, but services are reduced. The place is dirtier, the city bureaucracy is fat. The subway works, but it is old and ramshackle and, as the mayor says, "it stinks".

Mayor Koch says: "Did you know that Mass is said in 23 languages in this city? It's the diversity that makes it electric, that gives it a special intelligence, makes you think faster, walk faster, talk faster."

It is this diversity, of course, that helps to make the mayor's the toughest of jobs. Mr Koch says, in a politician's phrase, that he wants the poor to make it into the middle class (just as he did). But many of the poor are so far behind that they have difficulty getting on to the first rung.

The other day the mayor inaugurated a housing scheme for low-income people and got on well with the crowd of black people there. "Some people are trying to come between us", he told them. "Don't let them."

It was a serious Ed Koch speaking. He recognizes that his abrasiveness has upset people and can damage him politically. And he is contemplating the value of a more conciliatory approach, for a New York mayor has to be statesman as well as executive. More than any other issue, the inquiry into the police has made Ed Koch ponder on the task of running his astonishing metropolis.

moreover... Miles Kington

Late sports special

Next Sunday, Wembley sees the oddest invasion of all: the first game of American cricket ever staged outside the United States.

Hardly known at all in this country, American cricket is a fast-growing game in its home country, where it is also known as "the grenade game", from the extra points gained for knocking out a batsman. But Harvey Mashbanger, who is promoting Sunday's big game between the Houston Tossers and the Seattle Maniacs, reckons that it could catch on in a big way here, especially as we have no summer game geared to violence, like soccer or rugby.

"The average cricket fan would undoubtedly recognize the kinship between the British game and its American cousin. The wickets are there, the white uniform is there and the red ball is there. Several of them, actually. But he would also notice striking differences, the first being that both teams are on the field all the time.

"This is because when the bowler releases the ball, the fielders immediately charge forward with the intent of stopping the batsman hitting the ball. This can be done in a number of ways, such as by tripping him over, maiming him or even killing him. This very rarely happens because the batsmen, also on the field, block the inrushing fielders with crunching body tackles. It's very impressive, very structured sight – the patterns to an expert are almost beautiful."

Is American cricket, as they sometimes say, a sporting equivalent of chess?

"Well, maybe. If anything, it tends to resemble that moment in a chess game when one player gets so furious that he sweeps all the pieces off the board – that's like American cricket. It's a very specialized game, of course; the batsmen who come on to field are not the same as those who bat, and even among batting batsmen there are those who specialize in hitting the ball, those who hit the bowler and those who pull up the wickets to attack the fielders if they get through."

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Controversy still surround the 1,500-metre runner from Russia, Ilf Simonov, who surprised everyone by coming last but one in his semi-final. He had been fully expected to come last. Simonov, a slim, petit, slightly gamin figure, is not everyone's idea of the average Russian runner; not to put too fine a point upon it, many people suspect Simonov of being a woman. His previous results, which are uniformly disappointing, certainly bear this out. But as sex tests have always until now been applied to women, there is no way of finding out.

At the after-match press conference one daring American journalist asked Simonov if there was any truth in the rumours that he was not as other men, and perhaps more like other women. Simonov burst into tears and said he was interested only in building world peace, also in tennis, horse-riding and knitting, and that he wanted to open a boutique in Moscow after this was all over. As he was led away, dabbing at his mascara, another journalist managed to ask the Russian coach why on earth a woman would want to go in for men's events. To his surprise, the coach winked and said: "Why do you think?"

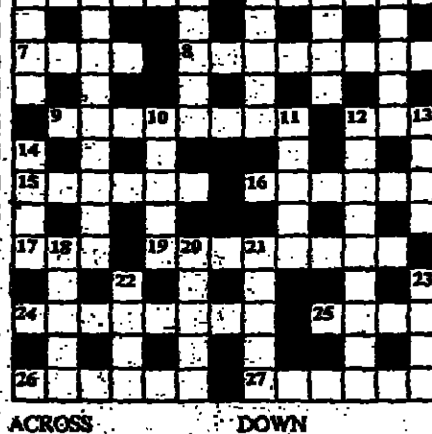
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More shocks and surprises from the Americas Cup, the competition held to see whether America can change enough rules in their favour to keep the cup. The committee have ruled that Australia is not infringing the rules by having a series of champagne corks dangling by string from its keel, nor indeed by throwing overboard a non-stop stream of empty lager cans during the race. The British complaint that the French boat had been fishing illegally in its waters was also over-ruled. A Canadian complaint was rejected because it was not bilingual.

Serious news, though, for the Latin American entry, Simon Bolivar. After a routine inspection for stowaways, the judges found a stash of cocaine worth over £3m hidden away in the bilges. This, of course, brings the weight of the boat over the permitted limit, and there may well be repercussions.

Late Results
Arsenal XI 0, Hitachi Sales Reps 3
A South African XI 0, Not a South African XI 0

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 127)



ACROSS
1 Sympathy (6)
4 Abandon (6)
7 Solicitude (4)
8 Insolent (8)
9 Leftovers (8)
12 Surprise cry (3)
15 Schedule (6)
16 Overused expression (6)
17 Coach (3)
19 Delicious (8)
24 Militant (8)
25 Lively dance (4)
26 Standing position (6)
27 Stream (6)

DOWN
1 Select (4)
2 Weariness (9)
3 Derogatory (5)
4 Storehouse (5)
5 Sodium compound (4)
6 Large farm (5)
10 Award (5)
11 Grooves (5)
12 Obstruction (9)
13 Not closed (4)
14 Fish-hook point (4)
18 Not abridged (5)
20 Join (5)
21 Provide food (5)
22 N European (4)
23 Hill (4)

SOLUTION TO No 126
ACROSS: 1 Gutter 5 Safe 8 Hefty 9 Pungent 11 Attorney 13 Opus 15 Violinist 18 Ails 19 Wheedler 22 Trapeze 23 Plain 24 Item 25 Treats
DOWN: 2 Unfit 3 Tey 4 Replenishment 5 Sans 6 Fleapit 7 Phial 10 Tosh 12 Roof 14 Dike 15 Valiant 16 Waft 17 Arena 20 Leapt 21 Beam 23 Pie

The shattering of a dream



Two years of planning and months of hard labour had turned the art deco department store that had been Derry and Toms into *Big Biba*. But even *before the new venture opened, late in 1973, Barbara Hulanicki* and her husband, Stephen Fitz-Simon, sensed the growing threat from the directors of British Land, the property company which now controlled the Biba enterprise. The subsequent struggle is described in the final extract from her forthcoming autobiography, *From A to Biba*.

At about 4 o'clock in the morning Fitz woke me. We washed quickly and sat for a few minutes drinking coffee, gearing ourselves up for the day ahead. I was feeling absolutely drained. For the past two years I had thought of little but this day and now it had arrived.

We returned to the shop at about six that morning. The first of the cooks were already at work and the security guards were padding through the deserted floors. There was nothing we could do except check the cleaning once again and hope that the sales girls would arrive on time. By 8 o'clock the exhausted manageresses had dragged themselves back in and the first trickle of other staff began. As opening hour approached Fitz and I did a last check of the floors. Everything was immaculate. Behind each counter and till stood a nervously expectant girl. We were ready to go. We went down to the ground floor where the security guards were waiting to open the door.

To our dismay we discovered that we had visitors. The directors of Dorothy Perkins, whom we had not seen for the past year while we were wrestling with the problems of the new store, were all there in their pinstripe suits. Not only that, but Mrs Roxburgh, the wife of one of them, came too, with straw hat and white gloves. She looked as if she was going to stand at the door greeting the customers.

When the doors opened, there was instant pandemonium. Almost immediately the tills were clattering and by the time we had retreated to the fifth floor, five minutes later, there was already a crowd around the snack bar.

Feeling slightly dazed, we headed for Fitz's office. We were both tired out and wanted a few moments' peace. Seated at Fitz's desk was David Roxburgh, in high spirits, heroically explaining on the telephone to the *Financial Times* how he had performed to get the store open. Seated beside him in the only other chair was his wife. They looked at us as if we were intruders. Leaving them to it, we wandered back to the crowded sales floors.

"He just couldn't wait", said Fitz.

But we were not to escape that easily from the self-appointed hero of the hour. About an hour later I was on the children's floor, worrying about the sweater stock that seemed to be going down awfully fast, when I was summoned back to Fitz's office, where the Roxburghs had made themselves thoroughly at home. A waiter had just been diverted from the frantically busy restaurant to supply them with coffee, and two chairs had been placed in front of the desk for Fitz and me. There is something really degrading about having to sit in front of your own desk in your own office listening to someone sitting in your place.

I couldn't believe my ears. I was being pushed out

Roxburgh started to expand on his grand theory. Biba was to be "institutionalized". I had no idea what he was talking about, but as he went on I gathered that this meant that I was to have very little to do in the future. My job was to be somehow, miraculously, split up among a whole committee of nameless people. I couldn't believe my ears. I was being pushed out before anyone had any idea of even the first morning's sales.

A clerk put his head round the door and gave Fitz a piece of paper. I knew it would be the sales figure for up to 12.30. Fitz looked at the paper, showed it to me, and then handed it to Roxburgh, who had no way of knowing if the figure was good or bad. Fitz did nothing to enlighten him so in the end he had to ask. Before we open a new shop Fitz always writes down his sales forecasts. The figure was exactly the same as the one he had predicted.

After that they seemed to want us to make mistakes, to be wrong, so that they would be able to step in. But as the days passed and Fitz's forecasts were consistently accurate, our pinstriped friends disappeared and we were left in peace for a time.

For the first six weeks everything ran like clockwork. All the departments were selling over their forecast figures, new stock was flowing in, and we were starting to relax. Then came the miners' strike and the start of the three-day working week of early 1974. At the same time the property market collapsed and the British Land share price started to crumble. Biba's sales, along with everyone else's, were badly hit and suddenly the complaints started to come pouring in. It seemed that every time John Ritblatt went on a social visit he would meet somebody who had something detrimental to say.

By Christmas 1974, things were starting to look up again. The sales returned to their proper level and we were catching up on the ground lost during the strike, but the outside pressures did not let up. By now British Land was in serious difficulties. It is well known that when a company is in trouble, the bosses become obsessively careful with little things like the petty cash. We seemed to be regarded as British Land's petty cash. Although our sales were back on target, the temporary recession had enabled them to establish a beach-head into our business and there was no getting them out.

The board found themselves an office and set up what they called a Think Tank. They were not retailers – none of them had ever run a shop in his life. In desperation Fitz and I asked for a meeting with Ritblatt. We tried to present a well-reasoned case and listen to his side, but at one stage I thought that Fitz was going to break his neck.

In order to humour him, we said that we would go along with his suggestions. We agreed that there was not enough information to the public in the shop. We would have "Pay Here" signs and "Cash Desk" signs, but we wanted these done in a way that was right for the feel of the shop. To me it meant we could introduce neon all over the store, which had not been used since the 1950s, and I quite liked the idea. It was all agreed at the meeting, but Ritblatt and his merry men had no intention of allowing us any involvement. Next day a lorry arrived full of Tesco-like white light boxes to be put up all over the store. I felt sick. Very early in the morning before anyone arrived I went and jumped up and down on the whole lot. There wasn't one bit of usable white plastic left.

It was time for me to go. I couldn't watch the destruction of that beautiful building. It was dreadful to feel so powerless. They could have it. As my parting gesture I ordered 5,000 fluorescent plastic buckets for the use of the ground floor. Let them work that one out, I thought.

Against my better judgment I was inveigled into one last meeting with the entire Dorothy Perkins board. What were they trying to do? Why couldn't they let me go? Roxburgh flaunted my contract in my face. We had two more years to go and after that we couldn't open a shop within 50 miles of London.

All this time Fitz had been trying to raise finance to buy our business back. We couldn't have picked a worse time than the mid-1970s, with rising inflation. Most of the merchant banks had been pinched by the collapse of the property market, and London was full of ex-millionaires and people who knew Arabs.

We came so close to doing a deal with British Land that after several weeks of hard negotiation Fitz set off late one afternoon for the final meeting when the contracts would be signed. There were several solicitors and other experts in the room and at literally the last moment a technicality arose that made the deal impossible. When Fitz returned that night we knew that time was running out. Fitz carried on for a while but I bowed out after it was clear that we couldn't regain control, and left the store in the hands of British Land.


The end: customers and staff in the debris of the final sale

It really hurt I still feel it today

Finally British Land decided that they and their acolytes could no longer run Big Biba. They decided to auction off the entire interior. Fitz and I were amazed at the interest of both private collectors and museums. Later the assistant curator of the Museum of Modern Art in New York told me how sad he had been that he had no money left at the time to buy anything for the museum. Oddly, it cheered us tremendously to think that so many of our things would find a good home where they would be appreciated.

Meanwhile, Fitz was trying to save the Biba name. It had become obvious that it was impossible for us to buy the building, but Fitz had found a man who controlled a small public company and who wanted to be our partner. We negotiated with British Land to buy the thriving cosmetics company and all the Biba trade marks. The price was agreed and our new partners were ready with their money.

We had new premises earmarked and we were waiting for the contracts to be prepared, but our relationship with Roxburgh had now reached a state when it seemed to us that he would do anything to spite us. Fitz heard the rumour that British Land were negotiating with another company at Ritblatt's office. A lightning board meeting was called and it was announced that they had sold Biba Cosmetics and trade marks to a financier called Dobson, who was front man for another property company. Roxburgh was furious that I was not at that meeting. He moved a formal motion that I should be censured for not being present, but I had no wish to give him the satisfaction of seeing me as he finally sold Biba.

Fitz rang me "We've lost", he said. "I'm coming home."

In the past I sometimes imagined that someone had come and taken Biba away from me. After it happened, and Biba was no longer mine, I came across a Biba cosmetics stand in Paris at a *prêt à porter* show. The stand looked awful and I longed to go and tidy it up for them. The man on the stand wore gold chains around his neck, his shirt undone to his navel. The sales girl looked cheap and tarty. They were trying to imitate Biba but had got it all wrong, and there was nothing I could do about it except walk away. It really hurt. I still feel it today.

My own ambition in life is to buy back the bones of Biba and let the poor old girl rest in peace.

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WEDNESDAY PAGE

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

The wages of son is Darth

First the bad news: my daughter, having attained the age of five, reckons she is now in line for pocket money, and opens the talks with a rock-solid bargaining posture: "Eighty quid a day." Now the worse news: one of her birthday presents was a typewriter, and even as I scribble, I can hear from below the plastic clacking of the Rillington Junior International. I understand she is writing a diary – "for *The Times*, you know" – so perhaps we had better treat the following as valedictory entries. It has been fun, but youth must be given its head, I suppose.



Now the worse worse news: my son has got a leak – I wonder where from – about the pay bargaining situation and has slapped in an admittedly moderate parity bid: "Eight pee and a cowboy sword."

A thought: if Richmond's Jean Rooklet brings her project to fruition, I could always fund her cash demand through the linage fee. No, she'd never wear it.

No doubt believing that unity is strength, the two supplicants demand a tripartite meeting, to which I agree. In the sense that he is playing Gormley to her Scargill, there appears to have been an inversion of the age differential.



My daughter cites Morgan Prewitt, that most unstable of six-year-olds, as a precedent in the cash grant controversy. He, I am told, is in receipt of "millions of pounds a day" to keep him in Darth Vader masks and all the other accoutrements of today's fighting child. I am tempted to explain that he only gets his way by throwing a Morgasm, to which his mother, silly creature, always responds by showering him with pound notes as profuse as autumn leaves. I desist however, fearing a proliferation of such guerrilla tactics.

At last the good news: my daughter has discovered – I don't know where – a bottomless source of revenue. It is called The Junior Mint. You simply feed a blank paper between the cylinders and out comes a £50 note. It reminds me of those Elliston Novelty bargains of my own youth (1/6d a throw), but I quash my scepticism. Suddenly I am a Keynesian, and quite happy to spend my way out of trouble.

My daughter threatens to "come up to *The Times* and watch the sandwiches go round". How very disingenuous. She is bent on cementing useful contacts, and I am blowed if I am going to abet her.

Better news yet: she has completed her first column, which I here quote in full: "Deer gyles pleeze come to mye partee nest yere". It has a certain frankness, I agree, but if that's 800 words, then I'm Joanna Lumley.

Still better: the Rillington Junior International has broken. The tiny tape, through which she has drubbed all manner of seditious prose, is sundered from the reel, and I cannot, in all honesty, fix the thing. She is "going up to *The Times* to complain".

Memo to Charles Douglas-Home: "Watch out".

The Junior Mint has arrived. I was expecting it to land with the portentous thud of new plant, but the thing has fluttered down on to the mat with the rest of the final demands. Before you can say treasury forecast my daughter is creating wealth at the breakfast table. The rival claimant wants a slice of the action, and a terrible fight ensues. There is milk and All-Bran all over the carpet. John Wayne would have approved.

Return from work to find the front room awash with pristine currency. Daughter husbanding same with the smug glow of a self-made millionaire. Tremendous projections for spending in the public (ie, family) sector, starting with a major lido on the site of the old compost heap and a loft conversion to house "the next five babies".



Memo to wife: "Don't panic".

A painful lesson on economics – but who is teaching whom, and who is learning what? My daughter has, quite simply, acquired the means of production and intends to capitalize on the product. I am tempted to embark on a bit of theory and say that this is not what Mr Friedman means by money supply. But there loom the shapes of M3, PSBR and the other impenetrables of that linguistic landscape, stranger by far than most toddlerite patois. The real clincher is the state of the notes. They are grey, smudgy efforts, tissue-thin and not a third of the requisite size. In one corner is a thing that looks more like a thumbprint than a monarch's head. I think they would stand a fair chance in a bank of blind and handless tellers.

A positive approach

Cancer is a disease that strikes fear into the hearts of everyone

Annette Gartland met one woman who is fighting it . . . and winning

Lynne Pemberton was told last winter that she had cancer of the cervix – the neck of the womb. This January she underwent a radical Wertheim's hysterectomy where the uterus, cervix, ovaries, fallopian tubes and lymph nodes in the area are removed. She hopes that relating her experience, and feelings, might help other women struck by the disease.

"The cancer sufferers you hear about are generally very optimistic and positive," she says. "At times I am, but I find it very difficult. I tend to be rather introspective and pessimistic, which colours my feelings about the future." Lynne's fear that she might have cancer began when a routine smear test last summer revealed an abnormality in cervical cells, and she was referred for further examination. This showed the need for a cone biopsy – a method of coring out cervical tissue for testing, which may totally remove the changing cells.

Lynne, who is 33 and lives in Kingston Surrey, was frightened about going into hospital and worried that she might not come safely through the operation. But she did think that the operation would be the end of the story, that nothing more serious would be found. But on her birthday, the hospital gynaecologist telephoned to explain as gently as possible that she had a "real cancer" and would lose her uterus.

"I was completely numb. Before the 'phone went down I was in tears and sure I was going to die. The first thing I thought of was, I can't have children. The fact that it was cancer probably hit me about 30 seconds later."

Her husband, Trevor, was also devastated. "We didn't talk about it in any reasonable way. We were too busy trying to comfort each other, just trying to let it sink in", Lynne said. "The gynaecologist explained that my situation was unusual. He said that cancerous cells were normally on the surface of the cervix, or took the line of least resistance towards the outside. In my case they appeared to have gone the other way, actually *in* towards a more muscular area. The cone biopsy hadn't gone deep enough. He didn't believe it until he looked through the microscope himself."

Concerned that she would need so much time off work, Lynne offered to leave her job with an architects' practice in Richmond, Surrey. The partners refused to accept her resignation and suggested that she should work when she could.

"It is silly, but you think 'I've always been healthy, not terribly fit but eating sensibly, not overdoing anything, not drinking too much, so why should it be me?' Every few days I would suddenly think 'I'm dreaming, I'll wake up to find this isn't happening'."

Lynne had radiotherapy twice before the hysterectomy – an uncomfortable experience, but not frightening because it was so well explained. The worst part was when capsules of cesium which had been implanted under general anaesthetic and left in place for about 22 hours, were removed. She laughs, recalling the nurses extracting what seemed like miles of wadding. She also had a lymphogram, which checks on any spread of cancer to the lymph system.

The lymphogram was clear – her first good news in months.

Between radiotherapy sessions, Lynne pushed herself to take her final professional examination in architecture. "It was a very traumatic time. Until the week before, I thought I would drop out." She and Trevor also decided to marry after living together for nine years, feeling that they could support each other better. Going into hospital for the hysterectomy, Lynne felt very frightened – about the pain and about dying.

She had expected to suffer quite severe, sharp pain afterwards. In fact, she experienced discomfort when moved and felt extremely bloated. She is glad to have declined her boss's offer to help pay for private treatment, which would have meant being in a room alone. The "tremendous" atmosphere in the Kingston Hospital ward helped. "I don't think I'd laughed so much in years. We all knew the most intimate details about each other and managed to laugh about almost everything that happened."

For about six weeks after the operation, movement was painful and slow, and Lynne was extremely tired. She mostly "marched up and down, drank water and slept". It must be hell, she says, for women with children to look after.

Lynne now receives hormone therapy, as the removal of ovaries ends the natural supply. She is distressed by the fact that she cannot have children. It is too early, she says, to consider adoption.

"Even though they've given me the maximun possible chance of nothing else happening, I'm not really convinced. I have to tell myself that I'm likely to be around in 20 years time."

Lynne felt that everyone who dealt with, or looked after her was "really wonderful". She felt well-informed. But she believes there could have been more explanation about the physical reaction to a hysterectomy and perhaps some printed information about the operation. There could also have been more advice about life in the ensuing months, like a simple reminder that you would need very large clothing until the swelling subsided.

The speed and upset of events meant that Lynne did not contact any people or organizations for support. If she had been given a list of names and addresses she might have done so.

She is now very aware of having put things off in the past. When she felt "invulnerable" in terms of health she had a view of the future, stretching ahead, which she did not have to define. She feels differently now. "A positive approach has to come from me. It's in a way part of the healing process. The more time elapses, the more optimistic I feel."



Lynne Pemberton with her husband: they married to give one another more support

How screen tests can save lives

Cervical cancer kills more than 2,000 women in Britain each year. Older women are more at risk as the disease usually takes seven to ten years, or more, to develop. But over the past decade the number of women under 35 dying each year from cervical cancer has doubled to more than 170.

It is not the most common gynaecological cancer, however. Cancer of the ovaries kills twice as many women. And, by comparison, 12,000 women die in Britain each year from breast cancer. Cervical cancer counts for four per cent of all cancers in women. In 1978 there were more than 4,000 new cases in Britain.

Women who have intercourse when they are young, have many sexual partners or multiple venereal infections have a high risk of contracting cervical cancer. There is also evidence that there are high-risk males, according to Dr Dulcie Coleman, consultant cytopathologist at St Mary's Hospital in London. Partners of women with cervical cancer often had other partners who developed the disease.

More than two million cervical smear tests are performed in Britain each year, but screening has failed to reduce mortality. Dr Coleman cites the error rate in the test itself as one factor.

In areas such as Iceland and British Columbia in Canada where comprehensive screening takes place, the incidence of cervical cancer has been considerably reduced. In Finland, where the programme reaches 90 per cent of women between 30 and 59, cases of cervical cancer have halved. In Norway, where there is no national screening programme, incidence has increased by 15 per cent since 1965.

Alice Burns, health programmes organizer for the Women's National Cancer Control Campaign, said: "Any sexually active woman should have smear tests every three to five years."

Pre-malignant changes in the cervix are detected in about 1.5 per thousand women in Britain. A positive smear test, however, does not necessarily mean cancer, but that some cells are changing or have changed. The test is intended to pick up any abnormality. When pre-malignant cells are found early, treatment can be quick and effective.

There is evidence of a link between cervical cancer and herpes. And scientists have discovered an association between genital warts and the cancer. British research has shown the DNA of a genital wart virus present in 58 per cent of patients with pre-malignant lesions of the cervix. There are, however, arguments that the wart viruses are not directly involved but merely passengers in cancer cells.

The Women's National Cancer Control Campaign, 1 South Audley Street, London W1. 01-499 7532, can provide contacts, advice and support for women who discover they have cervical cancer.

TALKBACK

Judging the shoplifters

From Mr Philip Joseph, Books Etc, Charing Cross Road, London, WC2

Quite correctly, Mrs Williams (Friday Page, July 22) asks for a more humane approach to suspected shoplifters but then goes on to request supermarkets to adopt greater willingness to assess a person's background before deciding to prosecute.

We run a small chain of bookshops and employ staff to try to deter shoplifting and security staff to catch shoplifters. We put notices stating All Thieves Will Be Prosecuted. This we do regardless of age, sex or background.

We do not know how to tackle the question of a person's background. What are the factors we should take into account? The vast majority of people we arrest admit their guilt and inform us they have never done anything like it before.

We are not qualified to judge a person's background. It is our duty to present the facts and it is the responsibility of the courts to decide on such matters.

From Nicholas Moss, Marine Avenue, North Ferriby, Humberside

In her article on shoplifting Veronica Groocock included part of a Home Office report *Theft in Shops*.

Among recommendations in the report, as a means to protect the sick and elderly from the experience of prosecution for shoplifting, is an alternative to the criminal charge of theft: "Taking goods without authority and without making payment".

While the report's motives are entirely laudable, the implication of this is to create what amounts to two-tier dishonesty, pure unadulterated dishonesty dealt with by the Theft Act and a second grade dishonesty to be explained away thus: "That doesn't really count....it was only taken from a shop". While not condoning dishonesty, shops must bear some of the responsibility for displaying goods in such a way that their removal, whether theft or by accident, continues to grow.

Kill or cure?

From John R Skoyles, Denning Road, Hampstead.

Joanne Bower (Wednesday Page, August 3) asks the question: where does one draw the line between animal experiments which are beneficial and those which are not?

Should we be concerned for human welfare we must ask the question of any new proposed control on vivisection: What would have been the consequences on present day medicine if such control had been made effective 50 years ago?

I am scared of moralists. Especially those whose beliefs if they had been the norms of the past would have left us defenceless against the horrors which filled Victorian and Edwardian hospitals.

Smokescreen

From Rosemary Stephens, Albert Road, Clevedon, Avon

The letter from Helen Signy (Friday Page July 29) reminds me of an occasion some years ago in West Africa, when I was invited to visit an exhibition on dietetics.

Illustrations for the different stands had been culled from various sources and included one of then current advertisements for, I think, Abdullah cigarettes, showing a group of sylph like men and women in evening dress. The captain read: "You see these people? They are lean and ugly through not taking enough carbohydrate."

THE TIMES COOK



Shona Crawford Poole

If real men don't eat quiche it is a cert that not many will go a bundle on savoury ices either. But how about a Bloody Mary sorbet, icy, spicy and stunning? Or a snow of cucumber and creamy yogurt spiked – like that wonderfully refreshing Indian yogurt drink a salt lassi – with fresh green ginger, spring onions and lemon juice? Smoother and richer is a blend of ripe avocado, cream and mayonnaise seasoned with garlic and lemons. And not strictly savoury but at home in this company, a fragrant ice made with the heavily perfumed pinky-gold flesh of a fully ripe charentais melon and dry white wine.

One of the prettiest dishes in every nouvelle cuisine chef's repertoire has been an *assiette de sorbets* – spoonfuls of fruit ices and artfully cut slices of fruit, berries and leaves beautifully arranged on a flat plate. Just as pretty though, and the reason my window-box geraniums and begonias are looking short of leaves these days, is an arrangement which is much easier to assemble. For each person arrange three or four leaves on a plain dessert plate. Top each leaf with a small heap of berries, say strawberries on one, raspberries on another, blackberries on the third. Then set a stemmed glass in the centre and fill it with a scoop or two of one or more fruit sorbets.

Those savoury ices, too, can be incorporated into extravagantly pretty dishes. Instead of fruit and the geranium leaves, set out a selection of traditional first course ingredients – smoked salmon or trout, prawns, Parma ham, sliced avocado, radishes and cucumber with sprigs of mint or basil. Then add a scoop of one or more of the savoury sorbets.

I shall be making the ices again in Harrods at lunchtime on Friday using a new ice cream freezing and churning machine from ICTC called the Gelato Chef which makes easy work of ice creams and sorbets. However none of the recipes is any worse for being made the usual way.

Bloody Mary sorbet
Serves four to six

12 ripe medium-sized tomatoes
juice of 1 lemon
2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon sugar
Salt to taste
4 tablespoons vodka

Drop the tomatoes into boiling water for a few moments then slip off the skins. Discard the seeds and purée the flesh by pressing it through a sieve or processing it briefly. Combine the tomato pulp with all the remaining ingredients and freeze it, covered, until the mixture has the texture of stiff slush.

Turn the partially frozen sorbet into a bowl and beat it vigorously. Return it to the freezer to freeze firm.

Most ices need to be softened, or ripened before serving. This is best done in the refrigerator and may take from 15 to minutes to an hour.

Cucumber ice
Serves four to six

1 large cucumber
6 spring onions
Juice of 1 lemon
150ml (¼ pint) natural yogurt
1cm (½ inch) cube peeled fresh ginger
Salt
1 egg white

Peel the cucumber and discard the seeds. Purée the flesh in a processor or blender with the green part of the spring onions. Add the lemon juice and yogurt. Use a garlic press to squeeze the juice from the fresh ginger and add it to the mixture, then season it to taste with salt. Freeze the pulp until it has the texture of stiff slush then turn it into a bowl. Whisk the egg white to a firm meringue. Beat the cucumber mixture thoroughly then fold in the egg white. Return the ice to the freezer and freeze until firm.

Avocado ice cream
Serves six to eight

3 large, ripe avocados
300 ml (½ pint) double cream
6 tablespoons good mayonnaise
Juice of 1 lemon
½ clove garlic
Salt
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 egg whites

Puree the avocado flesh by pressing it through a sieve, or use a processor. Combine the avocado with the cream, mayonnaise, and lemon juice. Squeeze the garlic in a press and add the pulp together with salt to taste and the cayenne. Mix well and freeze until the mixture is a stiff slush. Turn it into a bowl and beat it thoroughly. Fold in the stiffly beaten egg whites and return the mixture to the freezer

When using a churn the egg whites are beaten lightly and added to the vegetable or avocado puree at the beginning of the freezing process.

Avocado ice cream looks pretty served in tall wine glasses with a couple of un-peeled prawns hooked over the rim of each glass.

Melon and wine sorbet
Serves four to six

1 very ripe charentais melon
110g (4oz) sugar
300ml (½ pint) dry white wine

Purée the melon flesh by pressing it through a sieve or in a processor. Stir in the sugar. Stir the mixture from time to time until the sugar dissolves and add the wine. Freeze until the mixture has the texture of stiff slush then beat it vigourously and freeze until firm.

THE TIMES DIARY

Home and dry

It is a pity that the appointment of Admiral Sir James Eberle as director-designate of the Royal Institute of International Affairs should start with a logistical lapse. I bet he runs a tighter ship when he takes over in January. As it was the announcement did not arrive until the embargo on it had past, and Sir James, having stayed by the phone all Monday afternoon, was out and about on his Devon sheep farm yesterday when the calls came through. My own ignorance (Eberle was the only short-listed candidate I failed to identify) was not widely shared. My mention of an admiral provoked in service circles the reaction: "Must be Eberle. Only intellectual the Navy's got". Indeed the C-in-C, Naval Home Command, took a defence fellowship at Oxford, 1970-71, and is co-author of a book on the management of defence. Formerly Allied C-in-C, Channel and Eastern Atlantic, Eberle has a special interest in European-American relationships (on which he lectured in America earlier this year) and all the right contacts in both continents. No wonder that he sailed in, really.

Bravo!

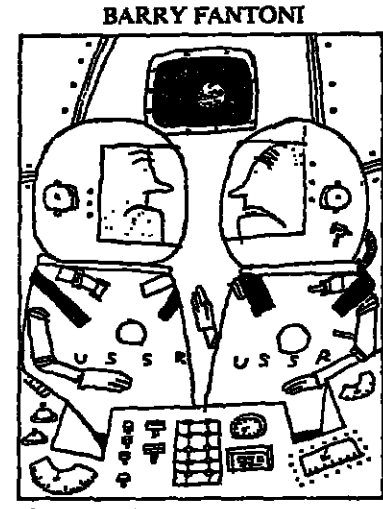
Before Sir Geoffrey Howe meets the Spanish Foreign Minister to discuss Gibraltar again next month, the Anglophile Spanish mayor of Palamós on the Costa Brava has come up with a novel suggestion. Dr Francesco Dalmau, who left Franco's Spain via Gibraltar in 1941 and served with the British army from Normandy to the battle of the Ardennes, says we should return Gibraltar to the Spaniards at once. The only condition, he says, should be that the rest of Spain is ceded to Britain.

● *I see from the* Royal Engineers' Journal *that recent additions to the RE Museum include an "RAF inflight/transit meal offered during flight from Falklands", presented by Major S. C. L. Hobden. I suppose he did not fancy it.*

Interval

At the closing concert of the Three Choirs Festival in Gloucester Cathedral on August 27, Julian Lloyd-Webber will be playing a piece by Vaughan Williams not heard in public for 53 years on an instrument not known to have been played in public since 1909. His revival of the *Fantasia of Sussex Folk Tunes*, played by Casals when Vaughan Williams received the Royal Philharmonic Society's gold medal in 1930 and never performed since, happens to coincide with his first performance on the Barjansky Strad, for which he recently paid £192,500 at Sotheby's. The instrument was sent for auction by anonymous owners after a long sojourn in a Brussels bank vault.

BARRY FANTONI



'Saying we'll soon be home, comrade, does not help my depression'

High dudgeon

Lord Parmoor is incensed that police have seized books on the cultivation of cannabis and psilocybe mushrooms under the Obscene Publications Act. This, Parmoor says, is flagrant and dangerous abuse of a law "which was never intended to cover horticulture, a topic more easily distinguished from pornography than would be, for example, Liberalism". Parmoor takes the SDP whip in the Lords, but regrettably has no plan to pursue his argument there. Though he succeeded to his title in 1977, he has yet to make his maiden speech.

● *Here is another announcement. On an internal flight of Nigerian Airways, Peter Harman Jones heard: "We are now approaching Lagos airport. The captain and crew wish you a safe landing."*

No wall painting

Frances Draper, a west London painter, tells me she portrayed Nicholas Freeman, the leader of Kensington and Chelsea Borough Council, standing in front of the half-ruined Kensington Old Town Hall. She wrote to Freeman offering him the picture for £400. He replied thanking her, but regretting that modesty forebade him displaying pictures of his achievements on his office wall. The letter, at least, was more prettily turned than the wreckers' ball he sent in to do the damage.



Among the predictions ascribed to the Royal Society of Medicine in the *Omni Future Almanac*, coming shortly, is the conquest by 1988 of tension and anxiety, and by "2000 or sooner", that of aggression. I do hope it is sooner rather than later with aggression control, because according to the book, the countries capable of launching nuclear strikes by that time will include, in alphabetical order, Argentina, Cuba, Iran and Libya.

PHS

Will the great survivor do a deal?

As Joshua Nkomo faces the Zimbabwe parliament after his return from self-imposed exile in Britain, Stephen Taylor asks if he will now allow Robert Mugabe his one-party state

Harare
Joshua Nkomo's third and shortest political exile has ended in return to his native Zimbabwe and to a series of political and personal problems which are no more resolved than when he fled across a remote stretch of the Botswana border in March.

Now, as then, Mr Nkomo's Patriotic Front party stands accused of fomenting insurrection in the troubled western province of Matabeleland. The rift between his supporters and those of Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, is as wide as ever. Nothing visible has been done to put the poor personal relations between the two men on a level of better understanding, and possible police charges which Mr Nkomo believed were a threat to his liberty are still on file.

At the time he fled Zimbabwe he had been questioned by police about his allegations that government forces, motivated by political and tribal antagonism, had in January and February systematically slaughtered Ndebele peasants in the terrority which makes up Mr Nkomo's political power base. Although that claim has since been widely echoed by church and voluntary organizations it was indicated then that Mr Nkomo might be charged under the Law and Order Maintenance Act with bringing the authorities into disrepute.

It is difficult to imagine a politician of Mr Nkomo's shrewdness returning in such circumstances without having received some form of indemnity from the authorities.

He returns to find the political party he founded in 1961 thoroughly disorganized and demoralized. The grassroots have been uprooted, probably with permanent damage, by military savagery in Matabeleland. One MP and a number of central committee members are still in detention while others are in exile. Josiah Chinamano, the kindly but ineffectual deputy who acted in Mr Nkomo's absence, has failed to provide leadership or direction.

Mr Nkomo's own considerable flaws as a leader have contributed to the party's decline. He has undermined and discouraged rivals. He failed at an early stage adequately to dissociate the party from the guerrilla activity with which it consequently became tainted. Most damagingly, after his dismissal from the cabinet in February last year, he withdrew in a huff from day-to-day political life until the Matabeleland massacres briefly brought him back to the centre of the stage.

It must be highly questionable whether the elder statesman of Zimbabwean nationalism, who turned 66 in exile – and appears to have added pounds to his portly frame in London – has the energy or will to contribute much to further political developments.

There is some acceptance, even in Zimbabwe now, that Mr Nkomo has no control of the Matabeleland guerrillas whose cause the government has accused him of secretly sponsoring. In fact Mr Nkomo is rejected as a "sell out" by those who have taken up arms, however haphazardly, in the cause of Ndebele nationalism and there is probably no individual who could call in the guerrillas from the bush. Dumiso Dabengwa, a former Zipra commander acquitted of treason in April, is sometimes mentioned in such a role, but the martyrdom he has gained among the rebels because of his continued detention would soon evaporate if he cooperated with the government.

What Mr Nkomo still has that Mr Mugabe might want is the authority to agree a merger between their parties. The Prime Minister has frequently stated in the past that such a step is necessary on the road to his goal of one-party rule. Mr Nkomo's objection was probably the primary cause of the rift between Mr Mugabe's Zanu (PF) and the Patriotic Front in 1982. Having initially paid lip-service to the suggestion, he balked when it was put in earnest, fearing that he and the party would be submerged.

The basis for further talks has been revived in Mr Nkomo's absence with meetings between three-man committees of each party which started in April; although nothing substantive has been established.

Privately, some Patriotic Front members confess their belief that "Father Zimbabwe" is a spent force important politically only if he is able to achieve conciliation with Mr Mugabe. But respect for Mr Nkomo's place in the history of the nationalist struggle here embraces not only his supporters but some quarters of Zanu (PF) too. Age and the ability to survive adversity carry weight in African society and Mr Nkomo is nothing if not a survivor.

An unlikely tribute came recently from the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, his main political rival until the rise of Mr Mugabe, who said of Mr Nkomo's exile: "Kenya might as well have rejoiced if Jomo Kenyatta had had to flee Kenya for personal safety."

Why the Hungarian success story is not for export

Budapest
To be Hungarian is to be a member of a secret society, a central European freemasonry protected from intruders by a language as obscure as anything heard in Babel. Budapest intellectuals brag that the most efficient organized crime network in New York is run not by Sicilians but by Hungarians: no undercover agent, no enterprising G-man can penetrate the scramble of Finno-Ugrian vowels.

Yet, with the persistence of pilgrims, planners from other communist states – from Warsaw to Peking – have been trying to decipher the secrets embedded in the Hungarian success story. Does market socialism work? Is it possible to satisfy consumers without weakening communist control? Is the Hungarian model exportable? Will economic reforms snowball into a political liberalization movement? The shops are the message: those in the centre of Budapest bristle with stereo sets, meat, fresh fruit. There is a Parisian sense of style, a Swiss reverence for money earned and not a single glory-to-Lenin and let's-build-socialism banner to be seen.

A Chinese team has been here to quiz the institutes (the result: the stars of the Peking Opera have agreed to accept lower salaries in return for a slice of box office returns). Mr Andropov (remembered as the Soviet ambassador to Budapest in 1956 when his country's tanks rolled into town) is experimenting with industrial reforms that smack of the Hungarian model. The Poles see Hungary as the correct direction for their own attempts to decentralize the economy and even the Czechs are looking over the fence, enviously monitoring their neighbours.

Almost by default, Hungary has become the showcase of the communist block.

Economic reform – the broad label for less planning, greater focus on the market – has been the subject of debate for decades, notably by Polish economic philosophers such as Oskar Lange. In Prague the call was taken up briefly by economists such as Ota Sik who believed that there could be a third way between the uncertainties of the market (unemployment, the neglect of the workers) and the inertia of central planners. Hungary was the only country to follow through.

It began tentatively after the 1956 uprising against the Russians. In 1957 profit-sharing was established, compulsory delivery quotas in agriculture were abolished and industry was relieved of the need to submit monthly reports to higher authorities. Over the next years, workers' rights to share in factory profits were expanded and formalized and in 1968 the Hungarian leadership introduced the New Economic Mechanism. This shifted power from the centre to individual factory managers. Investment decisions to a large degree were left up to the factories, the right to trade on an individual basis with the West was established, as was the right to retain a large part of profit. Small-scale private enterprise was encouraged (workers are allowed to lease part of their factory space to produce goods after hours that can be sold privately) and prices were designed to move up and down to reflect relative scarcity.

In short, welcome to capitalism. The model has done much of what it set out to do: growth rates increased steadily, the standard of living was high and Hungary was regarded as a useful partner by many countries in the West. It became a member of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank and other capitalist clubs. But to make a socialist economy sensitive not only to domestic but also western customers entails a degree of vulnerability to international trends. The western recession has hit Hungary – shown above all by its liquidity crisis last year – and it is suffering from flagging demand for its industrial exports, lower prices for its food exports, energy shortfalls, debt servicing difficulties and a growth in national income this year that will be scarcely enough to cover the losses in foreign trade.

Yet none of these problems invalidates the Hungarian reform: on the contrary they have shown its strength. Inflation, for example, is about seven per cent, but unemployment is still manageable. So far the vices of the West have been kept at bay.

But to transfer the Hungarian "miracle" to other communist states is a dangerous business. What appear to be minor flaws in the malleable Hungarian system may well be magnified a hundredfold when the methods are adopted, say, by Poland. Hungary has an efficient agriculture, can feed itself: this still cannot be said of most communist countries. It has no tradition of worker unrest in the manner of Solidarity, its Catholic Church is not a platform of criticism, its leader, Janos Kadar, has no clear rival. Hungary is not China: its bourgeoisie has never really gone away, its mercantile instincts have never been repressed, not even in the darkest Stalinist years.

But there is one more reason why other communist states should think twice about grasping at the straw of the Hungarian model. The Hungarians have understood that economic and political reform are inseparable: now, slowly and timidly, they are trying to change their political structures to align them with the economic climate. The Hungarians have strengthened their trades unions (which now have the veto right over measures directly affecting workers), will introduce a greater degree of choice in local elections (without, they hope, weakening Party control), will strengthen the importance of their parliament. The formal changes may be accompanied by informal changes – above all greater freedom of the press.

Hungary can, after 15 years of economic reform, afford to risk a further political relaxation. But can Moscow? Can Prague? There the formula seems to be that of cautious edging towards economic change – but keeping tight ideological control on the country lest something nasty creep out of the wood shed. In the Kremlin it may well seem that economic reform plus political repression adds up to orderly change. In Budapest they know that this is not so: reform tempered by repression is a contradiction in terms, a recipe only for further stagnation and factional infighting. In a modest, gentle sort of way the Hungarians explain this to their fraternal visitors, but the language of market socialism, like that of Hungarian, is a difficult one for orthodox Marxists.

Roger Boyes



Well fed, well dressed, Saturday shoppers in Budapest, the communist capital with a Parisian sense of style

Bernard Levin at Bayreuth, part 2

A sand-blast and polish by a master

Why do we do it? That was the question I asked yesterday, at considerable length, in discussing the new *Ring* at Bayreuth, conducted by Georg Solti and directed by Peter Hall. Why do we put up with the discomfort, the expense, the monomania all round us, the frightful drivel in the programme-book (this year's coveted Gibberish Prize was won effortlessly by Claude Lévi-Strauss – how did that man acquire a reputation even in our gullible age?), the monstrous demands made upon our time and attention?

We do it for the music, on which we are drunk, hopelessly drunk, from the first intimation of the Rhine as the E flat steals out into the darkness to the final moment, a week later, as the Redemption theme spreads its healing wings in benediction over a world made anew by love. Yesterday, I concentrated on Peter Hall's direction and William Dudley's settings; today I must hail Solti's triumph in the pit. (A pit indeed; during the *Siegfried* of the first cycle, the temperature beneath the wooden shell that covers the orchestra touched 111 degrees.)

Disaster is inevitable in all productions of Wagner: there is no such thing as an understudy, because if you can remember some of the words and sing most of the notes in more or less the right key you can write your own contract anywhere in the world, and this production was horribly beset. From the new Siegfried, Rainer Goldberg, much was expected; he was said to have the true *Heldentenor* voice, and had been preparing for his ordeal for nearly three years. Alas, at the final, public, dress rehearsal he went to pieces, and had to be replaced by Manfred Jung. The trouble with Jung is the same as the trouble with Siegmund Nimsgern, the chosen Wotan; we know the furthest inch of which they are capable, and there was no chance that either would astound us, as Hildegarde Behrens did with her Brünnhilde. So the search continues for the two other legs of the tripod on which every *Ring* must stand, and it is a measure of the plight in which Wagner conductors live that among the names being bandied about for Siegfried was Placido Domingo; why, if I had offered to sing the part myself I could have found a dozen people willing to put me on their list before the end of the interval.

In adddition to Behrens, who sang with an amplitude and beauty of tone that made it difficult to believe that this was her first *Ring*, there were only two really outstanding voices: Aage Haugland as Hagen and Jeannine Altmeyer as Sieglinde, *proxime accessit* for a future Brünnhilde herself. Not enough; all now rested on Solti's shoulders.

His reading was fast (at the end of Act I of *Götterdämmerung* I thought my watch must have stopped, for he took only 1 hr 50 mins, which may be a record), yet although it was full of intensity and force it never seemed hurried, so perfectly paced was it. The spring of nervous energy in Solti's Wagner is now completely flexible, a servant not a master, and the consequence is that it is impossible to imagine better conducting in the *Ring* that he has given us here, or for that matter better playing than he succeeded in drawing from the invisible orchestra.

The climaxes surged forth in all their splendour – the end of *Rheingold*, the *Ride*, the *Götterdämmerung* chorus, Waltraute's flight to her lost sister, the duel, the forging of the sword, the murder of Siegfried – but they never seemed, as they so often do, like separate bits of washing on a line; the great span of Solti's conception held everything in place, everything balanced, everything organic. And he knew when to slow down; the invocation to the unborn hero as Wotan leaves the fire was echoed by the trombones with majestic deliberation, and "Ruhe, Ruhe, du Gott" was like the placing in position of the final stone of a tomb.

It is impossible, I know, to convince anyone who does not love Wagner's music that it is lovable; either you feel that when you hear it, or it is not for you. I travelled to Salzburg with my friend Count Alois von Vorsicht-Stufe, for instance; the Count is a passionate and profoundly knowledgeable Mozartian, but he declined all suggestions that he should come on to Bayreuth with me. To change his mind, I played him a bit on the way; he listened attentively for about a quarter of an hour, then said in measured tones "It's all very interesting, but when does the music start?" It is useless to talk, in these circumstances, of the unbroken thread of melody, of the orchestra as the chief voice, of the way in which the themes are continuously transformed; we know what secret it is that the others do not share. I told the Count, when he begged me to explain to him just what it was that I got out of Wagner, that it was as though every bit of my *mind*, my body, my psyche and my soul had been unscrewed, sand-blasted, polished for 36 hours, bathed in the most expensive *eau de cologne*, put together again and gift-wrapped, knowing all the while that those who have not experienced it will not understand, and those who have experienced it will not need to understand. And very rarely indeed have I felt the experience as I just have in Bayreuth.

The greatest coup was in the final bars of *Die Walküre*. For Act III, Hall and Dudley had reverted to the tilting platform that has unfortunately become standard for productions of the *Ring* in recent years. (The Valkyrie sisters had to be anchored when it swung vertically, and Brünnhilde, poor girl, was at one point strapped upside-down beneath it, waiting – for two and a half minutes – until it turned right over and allowed her to get her circulation back.) When the platform first appeared, a groan of protest seemed in order, but it was stifled on my lips, and indeed I was unable to make a sound of any kind, by what happened just before the curtain fell.

Wotan has laid his beloved, erring daughter to rest, and summoned Loge to guard her with fire. The ring of red is unbroken around her, and the flames that dim night's candles in the velvet darkness above her are depicted in the music, barring the way to all but the fearless hero who is to awaken her. Wotan, with infinite, resigned pity and regret, strides out of the magic circle and out of the scene. And at that moment the whole platform, with the sleeping heroine clad in her finery of fire, took off like some great space-ship, and went sailing up the sky so that she might sleep, fittingly, among the stars. I knew then the quality of this *Ring* for all seasons, and I knew also exactly why we who love the work do so.

Jock Bruce-Gardyne

Marking the spot for the axe

I trust that Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is enjoying a restorative holiday. For when he returns to work next month he will need to have his faculties and resilience about him. Early autumn, the season of the public spending review, is always the climax of the Chief Secretary's year, and 1983 promises to be as tough as any.

Last week Lord Carrington denounced the Treasury's perennial search for candle-ends. "These continual percentage cuts", he told the watching world on Channel 4, "do infinitely more damage to what you are trying to do in terms of reasonable saving." The time had come, he thought, for the Treasury and the Government generally "to look at cutting out a function in government rather than cheese-paring on the things that really are essential".

I'm sure the Treasury would say "Amen" to that. Patching together an adequate total of economies from the margins of a thousand individual programmes is not only infinitely more time-consuming and temper-fraying than the achievement of a similar saving through the complete withdrawal of government from a handful of activities. It also – given the human propensity of the Civil Service to protect its own employment – bears disproportionately on the capital expenditure side of the accounts. Contrary to the assumption of the critics elsewhere in Whitehall, the Treasury would infinitely rather have it otherwise.

The trouble is that functions for sacrifice are not exactly volunteers. The former Foreign Secretary was particularly indignant about the economies he had been required to make in the BBC's overseas services. Would he have preferred to see the Foreign Office subsidy totally withdrawn? That would certainly have "cut out a function", but with Lord Carrington's cheerful acquiescence? I wonder. Off the cuff, I can think of only two "functions" eliminated in the last Parliament: the Price Commission and exchange controls.

Nevertheless, I am sure that Peter Rees should heed Lord Carrington's counsel – if he can. Before the holidays the Cabinet reportedly agreed in principle to hold next year's spending to the figure of £126,000m – written into Sir Geoffrey Howe's last White Paper. Even this, it is reckoned, will need £5,000m to be lopped from current departmental plans. Last year a similar agreement in principle was translated into an actual standstill with surprising ease. But on that occasion it was found possible to trim the "contingency reserve" – the central piggy bank – and to assume that departments would underspend their allocations. I rather doubt whether that trick could be turned again with easy credibility.

So where is Mr Rees to turn? One suggestion has already met with flak: the proposition that the real worth of unemployment benefit should be trimmed. This one smells of trouble to me. No doubt it is true that the present level of benefits do deter some potential job-seekers. But the "why work? syndrome" tends to lack persuasiveness at present levels of unemployment and there is surely some force to the argument that those in work can reasonably be expected to maintain through taxes the living standards of those less fortunately placed. Above all, though, the resulting net saving would be quite disproportionate to the row it would create.

We all have some favourite candidates for the axe. For my part I have always regarded the subsidies given to capital-intensive refineries and the like, which would either go ahead without them or which would only add to over-capacity, as peculiarly silly. But that is chicken-feed at best.

In the end the Treasury has got to look to the big battalions – and that means defence and social security, which together account for not far short of half the total.

Thanks to the commitment to Nato's 3 per cent "real" growth target – and the Falklands – defence spending has been growing faster than any other programme apart from social security. And as President Reagan has discovered, high spending on defence immensely complicates the task of finding acceptable economies elsewhere. The 3 per cent commitment still has another year to go, which will make it difficult to wring out much next year. But I was delighted to read in Monday's *Times* of Nigel Lawson's resolve to block its renewal. He might remind his colleagues that it was none other than that great warrior Winston Churchill, when Chancellor of the Exchequer, who devised the best curb on military appetites – the "no war for 10 years" formula – in the 1920s.

When you turn to social security the real nightmare is the cost of pensions. I don't begin to know the answer. Since the principal cause of all the trouble is simply that we are all living longer, the logical solution would be to raise the pensionable age. Against the current background of unemployment, that does not look easy. But nor does disconnecting the value of the pension from the cost of living index. And while the only other radical solution – to raise the scale of contributions to the National Insurance fund – might increase the room to manoeuvre with taxes, such a switch would hardly impress anyone. There is no very good reason why it should.

Still, the long-term cost of retirement is, or ought to be, an essential part of the true study of government, and it is good news that the Prime Minister is not being put off by the sort of scare stories that such scrutiny of basics invariably provokes. Not that that is going to be much help to Mr Rees this autumn.

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Peter Lennon

A sure thing for the petropunters

Dublin
The warning by the Irish Minister of Industry last week that the prospect of oil in abundance could "take too firm a grip on people's imagination" came too late. The people were already spending their imaginary petropunts and staking their future on this glorious potential windfall. As a reader writing to the *Irish Times* suggested, Ireland had found a new kind of unity: "We are all loyalists now", he declared.

Few ordinary people are ever likely to see any of the lolly from this, the 73rd and first commercially promising offshore drilling operation, although, by playing the Stock Exchange, a few of the more florid have added some millions to their hoards.

But there is something therapeutic in counting wealth you are never going to have. Minds with no bent for mathematics are becoming cunningly numerate. As the projected oil flow rate grew from 2,642 barrels a day to 6,467, and then to 10,000, and natural gas made an appearance, it became imperative for conversational stylists who had been decorating their talk with knowing references to step-out wells, Jurassic oil-bearing sand the younger Cretaceous fields to try to calculate the real value of the discovery.

Since so many factors are totally unknown – the size of the field, for example – this was a problem which, if they were at school, would have had them flinging their maths exam papers from them in disgust. But someone devised a system that leaves Pythagoras looking like a one-plus-one beginner. The trick is to subtract all foreign partners from the affair, leaving only the Irish companies; then you look at the price of their shares, and estimate from those the amount of oil that must have been found to justify them. No self-respecting punter would allow you to arrive at the odds on a horse that way, but oil clearly is a special case.

The Irish believe they are particularly blessed since never before has oil sat so close to land in more obligingly tame and lukewarm water. Retrieving it, the story goes, will present no discomfort. You could almost stand on the beach and spoon it ashore.

Although the pipeline should logically go ashore at Cork, which already has a refinery, one man determined to get a bit of the action is Mr Jim Falconer, of Waterford. A brief study of Mr Falconer's capacity for rational planning suggests that if there are any bits going, they will go his way.

Mr Falconer is an undertaker. His funeral parlour is located strategically alongside a church in a street full of surgeons. Around the corner he has a flourishing subsidiary, a public house with a branch of his undertaking business attached, no doubt to accommodate those who prefer to lubricate themselves directly to heaven rather than via the operating table.

How, I wondered, did this qualify him for a stake in the oil business. Mr Falconer produced a newly minted card: Falconer's Ships Chandler, Complete Marine Suppliers, seven-day, 24-hour service. Given the nature of the industry, liquor must be an essential adjunct to oil exploration, and perhaps the occasional coffin, too. No doubt Mr Falconer will swat up and discover what other contribution he can make to hasten the day the black stuff gushes ashore.

There are some fears, of course. The Mayor of Waterford has warned against the arrival of "black ladies of the night". Only here could the reference be to pigmentation of the soul and not the skin. And there is concern for Waterford's beaches.

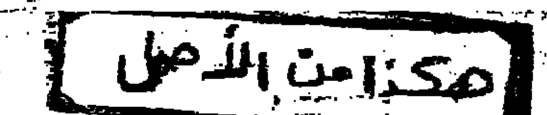
Some are a little shame-faced that they should be so eager to despoil these glinting seas and the extraordinary evening stillness for a 10-year flirtation with a glutinous mess, and in an area where bed and breakfast is still only seven Irish pounds, others wonder what effect the concomitant cupidity will have on the locals.

There is apprehension that, like EEC membership, which was to make the farmers millionaires but left them prisoners to banks or bankrupts, this might turn out in the end to be another morose fiasco.

Of course there has been something like this before; in 1980 when BP's field at Porcupine Bay off Galway was said to contain up to 300 million barrels of recoverable oil and Charles Haughey gambled a new economic strategy on it. The optimists are also mentally reviving this field.

In the grasping rivalry between Cork and Waterford, Cork men by tradition should have the advantage since they are notoriously "cute", which here does not mean pretty but foxy.

The Waterford men could with advantage study the tactics of one of their most celebrated citizens, Master MacGrath. There is a statue in the town to this, the greatest of greyhounds, in gratitude for services rendered to the punters. According to the ballad, this was because of his habit of leaping on to the back of the hare at the start of a race to be certain, paw raised in triumph, of being the first home. Oil makes a pretty slippery hare.





TIMES PAST THE TIMES

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GOING PRIVATE

A few years ago Mr Benn promised this country a "massive and irreversible shift" in the location of economic power. Today there is, indeed, the prospect of an important change in the pattern of ownership and control. It could well be massive and may prove irreversible. But it will be very different in character from that intended by Mr Benn. Instead of more nationalization and socialization, many industries now in state hands are to pass into private ownership.

At present comment is focused on the proposed sale of 51 per cent of British Telecom. In this instance there is one dominant supplier and no declared intention of changing the position. Critics have asked, with reason and force, what purpose is served by converting a publicly owned monopoly into a privately owned one. There is a danger that, by failing to think through the purpose of privatization, the Government may become entangled in a protracted debate about British Telecom and so lose momentum in other areas.

Two kinds of privatization need to be distinguished. The first is the sale of state assets in an industry where there already are – or, at least, potentially could be – several competitors. The second is in the contrasting circumstances where, for technological reasons, there can be only one supplier. There is a powerful case for privatizing natural monopolies – such as British Telecom – which come into this second category, but it is less obvious than the case for privatizing competitive industries. The economic aspects, in particular, are most clear and persuasive when competition prevails.

If there are many suppliers of a good or a service, rivalry between them ensures that output will expand until a point is reached at which price matches the extra cost of production. As a further increase in output beyond this point would lead to lower prices and higher costs, the suppliers would suffer losses. So the further increase in output does not take place and instead resources are allocated to another industry where, once again, competition will establish the right balance between prices and costs. It follows that public ownership is unnecessary. Market forces and private enterprise generate a socially optimal outcome if they are left to themselves. This outcome, known technically as marginal cost pricing, has been blessed by generations of textbook writers and is about as uncontroversial as any large principle in economics can be.

The real world is more complicated than textbooks and practice has a habit of overwhelming theory. But there should be no doubt that the basic ideas in the standard description of the competitive process are right. Nit-pickers may want to add refinements, qualifications and provisos. But they cannot deny that most of private industry is profitable, that much of the nationalized sector is unprofitable and that losses are incurred by nationalized industries because, in certain operations, costs are conspicuously above prices. If these industries were in the private sector, the marginal operations would be closed down and the resources they employ would become available for more worth-while activities.

As it happens, the greatest potential gains from privatization do not come in new and growing industries, such as British Telecom, but in old industries where loss-makers have been tolerated because their deficits are covered by profits elsewhere in the business or by subsidies from the Exchequer. Perhaps the most glaring example of this kind of inefficiency is the National Coal Board. The recent Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report showed how unprofitable mines are kept in production and their losses met by surpluses earned in efficient mines. Coal-mining is certainly not a natural monopoly. For most of its existence the British coal-mining industry has been in the hands of several independent companies and, even today, this remains the normal state of affairs in other countries. On economic criteria the case for privatizing coal and splitting the industry into several units is far less controversial than the case for privatizing British Telecom.

The strength of competitive forces depends not only on the number of suppliers in this country, but also on an industry's openness to imports from abroad. On this basis British Steel, BL, British Shipbuilders, Rolls-Royce and British Airways are definite candidates for privatization. In all five cases the main obstacle is an unsatisfactory commercial record in recent years, a consideration which is thought to preclude the introduction of private capital. It deserves to be emphasized that what matters in privatization is the ultimate benefit to the community. In these cases the benefit consists largely in the elimination of loss-making activities. If unsuccessful businesses were transferred to private hands at nominal prices and their new managers restored them to health, the ultimate result would be much better for society than if they were to stay in government ownership and lose money indefinitely. The unprofitability of a nationalized industry does not alone justify the deferment of privatization.

The case for privatizing competitive industries is, therefore the same as the case for competition. When a competitive industry is artificially contained in one enterprise and that enterprise is publicly owned, managers lack the discipline imposed by shareholders. As they believe that the state will, in the final analysis, cover their losses, there is a temptation to enjoy a quiet life by maintaining too many unprofitable operations. The perpetuation of unprofitable operations is evidence of resource misallocation and economic inefficiency. When nationalized industry managers take a more robust attitude and try to close down loss-makers, they are frequently hampered or prevented by politicians, responding to special lobbies and pressure groups, and an often exaggerated idea of the social benefit conferred by maintaining loss-making industries, which does not occur in the private sector.

So both economic and political arguments favour a programme of thoroughgoing privatization in competitive parts of the economy. The rationale for privatizing natural monopolies has a much larger political content and perhaps understandably causes more disagreement. It will be examined in a later article on this page.

RETHINK ON THE RHINE

The defence review now in progress has considered British strategy outside the Nato area, but has yet to contemplate the political and military tangle on Nato's central front. It would be tempting to the cost-accountants in the defence world to assume that the Falklands crisis was a national aberration; but most strategists know that it is always the unpredictable event which occurs first. Moreover the very strength of Nato's central front, upon which the security of the United Kingdom ultimately depends, has induced Soviet outflanking manoeuvres and proxy operations in many other trouble spots throughout the world. It would be an unwise general who failed to guard his flanks and rear, and that precaution should be the basis of Britain's evolving strategy, particularly since it should coincide with a financial need to question the undue fixation with Nato's central front which has turned Britain's Rhine Army into a strategic untouchable.

Britain's overall contribution to Nato far exceeds that of her allies, both financially and in terms of the range of military capability. Any sensible basis of cost sharing, and operational burden sharing, would see that the British contribution should be concentrated in the maritime area, while the continental forces would come mainly from West Germany and its neighbours. Instead we have the West German Navy, which should anyway concentrate its skills on the Baltic, wasting resources acquiring an Atlantic capability, which is already met by the British and, to some extent, by the Dutch.

There is no operational logic in the strategy of forward defence in West Germany, which is persisted with for political reasons which now need revaluation. The consequence of this is Britain has no flexibility about the deployment of her army-in-being, which is predominantly bogged down guarding every forward inch of a sixty-three kilometre front. That front would be more appropriately defended by West German forces who defend the rest of the line. The British Corps could then be positioned as a tactical reserve for the whole of Northern Army Group.

There would be two advantages in such a change. The first would be that it would dissolve the tactical rigidities imposed on Nato's military thinking by the forward defence strategy. The second is that Britain could then make perfectly legitimate savings in the cost of her standing contribution to land forces in Central Europe without affecting the day-to-day order of battle which has become such a political obsession within the Alliance.

A smaller Rhine army, held as a tactical reserve, would obviously call into question the British command of Northern Army Group. That is a dispensable appointment, not least because there would then be no one-over-one relationship between HQ BAOR and HQ First British Corps. There should be further savings in headquarters costs which, at the rate of £10 million per 1,000 men, is always to be desired.

The political and military consequence of Britain's ceding the command of Northern Army Group would be to expand the authority and influence of the Bundeswehr in Nato's councils. That is only right, in view of West Germany's preponderant contribution and critical geographical position. It would be resented by Belgium and The Netherlands. It could lead to the withdrawal of their units from West Germany, but, though that would be a pity it could not be held to make any serious difference to the likely order of battle in an emergency.

It is true that the Federal Republic has always been coy about assuming too preponderant a role within Nato. Even now its leaders complain that demographic difficulties may restrict West Germany's ability to maintain its army at today's strength. Nevertheless it is only if West Germany is prepared to alter its military strength that any more than marginal difference can be made to the military equation across the Iron Curtain. If the West Germans want the forward strategy to be maintained, in spite of its illogicality, perhaps they should be prepared to put their men where their mouths are.

It is time that West Germany and her allies recognized the reality of German power and adjusted to it. She is no longer a genuine junior partner in the Alliance. Indeed it has become an unnecessary paradox that the most powerful country in Europe should participate in an Alliance in a way which confers superiority on her less capable and poorer allies. The penalties imposed on those allies by the formulae devised in 1954 should now be changed so that there is a more efficient distribution of forces within Nato. Only then will the Alliance be organized to maximize its defences. That is the fundamental truth of the matter which the British Government should pursue through all the diplomatic thickets which have concealed it for nearly thirty years.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Counting the cost of motorways

From the Chairman of The Conservation Society

Sir, The extinction of the natural flora and fauna of this country in order to build motorways and other developments diminishes the environment permanently: the developments exact a real, if unquantifiable, "opportunity cost" of indefinite duration in order to provide what may well prove to be a very short-lived present benefit.

Perhaps, therefore, the public sentiment noted by Michael Baily (report, July 29) which "supports those who champion the butterfly reserve rather than advocates of roads" has a sounder basis than the general tone of his article suggests.

The real objections to motorway building, however, are far more substantial and have been put many times by this society and other environmental groups without, unfortunately, making much impact on policy.

They are: firstly, that building more roads tends to encourage the growth of even more traffic, rather than the other way round; secondly, that increasing our national dependence on oil, which is the inescapable effect of increasing road traffic, is likely to prove unfortunate, if not downright dangerous, in a relatively few years when diminishing oil supplies impose severe price increases if not physical shortages; thirdly, that encouraging private road traffic depresses the provision of public transport, both by road and rail, to the deprivation of the 50 per cent of the population which, for various reasons does not possess its own cars; and finally, that increasing road freight traffic causes intolerable congestion, pollution and environmental degradation in urban areas, which motorways do nothing to alleviate and much to exacerbate.

Comparisons with other countries are misleading. They mostly have greater distances between towns, smaller population densities, and a smaller network of secondary roads. Hence this country must formulate its own transport policy to suit its own present and expected future circumstances.

It makes sense to try to shift as much traffic as possible from road to rail to relieve road congestion, make better use of presently under-used assets, and above all, to preserve a greater range of options for the future.

It makes no sense at all to continue sacrificing scarce land and irreplaceable amenity in a vain attempt to build sufficient roads to avoid all congestion. The ability to motor unimpeded is not one of the fundamental democratic freedoms. If congestion occurs, motorists can and do learn to live with it.

In all probability shortages of oil and other commodities will solve the congestion problem within the foreseeable future. Why cannot we look ahead, for a change, and learn to adopt a sustainable life-style which is not prone first to hardening of the arteries and later to pernicious anaemia?

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Churches' role in world politics

From the Acting General Secretary of The British Council of Churches

Sir, Thank you for your critical, yet sympathetic leader (August 10) on the World Council of Churches. The Church at every level needs loyal friends who are also unsparing critics.

There is, however, a contradiction at the heart of your critique. You rightly warn the WCC of the besetting sin of becoming an end in itself. Yet that is where your recipe would lead. You ask the WCC to devote itself more single-mindedly to the task of restoring Christian unity.

True, Christian disunity *is* the Church's Achilles heel. It is a scandal because a disunited Church cannot effectively serve a spiritually and physically broken world. To this world Jesus, quoting Isaiah, says "I have come to bring good news to the poor, release to captives, to let the broken victims go free."

That is why the WCC is right to make the world its priority, to have spoken on Afghanistan (and probably wrong not to have spoken more strongly), right to combat racism, right to plead for economic justice, right to condemn an arms race that kills hungry children and threatens to destroy God's creation.

The danger is not, as you suggest, that the WCC is out of touch with "the ordinary Christian." It usually speaks only too eloquently for the world's ordinary Christians, most of whom are neither well-fed, white nor western.

That is why the average British churchgoer is so disconcerted. We cannot easily get used to being one of the world's minorities. I can attest to that personally. At home my views are held to be left wing. Abroad, more often than not, I find myself somewhere to the right of centre. The WCC's problem is that it is very close to the global centre yet its task is to reflect Jesus, its Lord, and not necessarily its membership.

The Church has no real choice. The world's agenda must always be its own agenda. But on God's terms. Woe to a Church that avoids the social, economic and political issues of its time. Each of them is also a spiritual issue. Only by facing political conflict can politics be transcended and healing be brought to the world.

Bread for our neighbour and love for our enemy are rightly, biblically at the heart of the WCC's agenda. To separate religion from life is a heresy. God in Christ has everything to offer a starving child and the commander of a Polaris submarine, here and hereafter. That is why Christian unity and the ecumenical movement, which the WCC serves, matters so much.

One of the central affirmations of the Assembly that has just ended is that the unity of the Church and the unity of the whole human family remain central and equal priorities for the WCC.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL OESTREICHER,
Acting General Secretary,
The British Council of Churches,
2 Eaton Gate, SW1.
August 11.

From the Venerable F. H. House

Sir, As one who has had inside knowledge of the workings of the World Council of Churches for many years, I welcome the fact that you have devoted two leading articles to its activities (August 5 and 10). But I would venture two observations.

First, as a *Council of Churches*, not an independent agency, it must in principle have due regard for the wishes of the leaders of the member-churches in each country. If they oppose overt action by the council's officers or committees with regard to conditions in their country, official action by the council is thereby restricted.

Secondly, the predictable preference of news-men for reporting statements on political issues should not be allowed to obscure the fact that the remarkable Lima statement of agreement on the doctrines of baptism, eucharist and ministry, to which you refer, is not the product of a new-found "maturity" in the Council, but was the product of over 30 years' continuous work on "faith and order" questions, which from the first have continued to have a major place in World Council operations.

Yours faithfully,
FRANCIS H. HOUSE,
11 Drummond Court,
Leeds,
West Yorkshire.
August 10.

The treasure hunt for antiquities

From the Chairman of the Antiquities Dealers Association

Sir, Mr Tatton-Brown (August 1) is absolutely correct in saying that many antiquities seem these days to command over-inflated prices, e g the recently sold Celtic horse harness mount from Buckinghamshire at £54,000, plus buyer's premium. However, before attacking the auction houses and "pedlars of and dealers in antiquities" he should first identify where his friends are.

Many antiquities in this country, to which he is largely referring, are actually found by chance, as against being "looted" (his words), or have pedigrees of residence in collections here. The Antiquities Dealers Association (ADA) was set up just over a year ago in an endeavour to combat many of the ills in the "trade". Many of its members bid for or supply material to numerous museums and work in close cooperation with them, often assisting in background research as to provenances, etc.

Mr Tatton-Brown's "two-pronged attack", the first against treasure-hunters and the second against dealers, is a little lopsided. ADA very much supports the first "prong", hence its endeavours to introduce, among other things, a system of registration of pieces, but on the second "prong" he attacks himself and the work of his colleagues.

ADA has been accepted as an affiliated institutional member of the Museums Association; the Council for British Archaeology, espcially its director, Dr Henry Cleere, has been most helpful and interested in the formation of ADA and important discussions will shortly be in train between both bodies. Not least, the previous Minister for the Arts, the Right Hon Paul Channon, has similarly expressed his interest "in this development in the antiquities world" – the formation of ADA.

The members of ADA agree with and subscribe to, via their code of conduct, much that Mr Tatton-Brown propounds, except that they are loath to find themselves upon his second "prong"; uncomfortable as it will be, it will also mean that many museums will lose good friends, information and, not least, acquisitions that they might well otherwise not be aware of.

Yours faithfully,
PETER A. CLAYTON, Chairman,
Antiquities Dealers Association,
c/o B. A. Seaby Ltd,
Audley House,
11 Margaret Street, W1.
August 8.

Future of Alliance

From Sir Harold Beeley

Sir, I fully agree with Edward Mortimer's rejection (August 9) of the view that the Liberal-SDP Alliance should attempt "to destroy and replace Labour". But his conclusion that the Alliance should be offering Labour the prospect of a centre-left coalition seems to me quite unrealistic.

As the Labour Party moves further to the left it surely becomes increasingly inconceivable that, with the short-term objective of preventing the prolongation of Conservative government, it would collaborate in a reform of the electoral system, the result of which would probably be to preclude for ever the fulfilment of the Party's more revolutionary dreams.

The programme of the far left is realistic only on the not unreasonable assumption that sooner or later our present absurd electoral system will produce a left-wing majority in the House of Commons based on a third or little more of the electorate. This prospect no doubt helps to explain the considerable support which exists within the Conservative Party for the principle of proportional representation.

It is in this direction, and not towards Labour, that the Alliance will probably have a look if it gives the priority it ought in the national interest to give to the cause of electoral reform.

Yours faithfully,
HAROLD BEELEY,
Reform Club,
Pall Mall, SW1.
August 10.

Farming methods

From Mr George Gibson

Sir, Defending modern farming practices, Mr Watson and Mr de Salis (August 6) commit at least two errors. Mr Watson doesn't appreciate that British farmers still supply only half the grists for British bread. The Government has recently sunk £14m "pump-priming" in a "Food from Britain" campaign that couldn't produce a loaf of bread in its lavish display of provender at last month's Royal Show.

Mr de Salis overlooks the dire trend in the EEC, led by Britain in this instance, for modern, highly capitalized methods to throw workers out of jobs, thus impoverishing rural life. In 1958 20 million of the workforce in the present EEC Ten worked on the land. Now this number has dwindled to 8,700,000, or 8.2 per cent of the total force; in Britain the proportion has wasted to about 2 per cent.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE GIBSON,
14 Woodland Rise,
Greenford,
Middlesex.
August 6.

Qualified for the job

From Mr Keith Nickol

Sir, I express no view as to whether the alleged "infiltrators" at Cowley car plant disguised the extent of their qualifications for political reasons or not.

It is, though, in my certain knowledge that if a degree holder applies for a job he or she is often rejected as being over-qualified. If they do manage to get a job and their fellow workers find out they have a degree they are often not accepted, however good they are at their jobs.

Degree holders have as much right to a job as anyone else. It is quite wrong to assume them to be politically motivated if they apply for humble jobs. When I applied for a job as a hospital storeman I was asked searching political questions. It never seemed to occur to the interviewer that I was simply jobless seeking a job.

Yours sincerely,
KEITH NICKOL,
17 Tredegar Square, Bow, E3.

Fire at sea

From Mr A. Crosby

Sir, I wish to inform *The Times* that their account (August 11) of the rescue of the crew of the German vessel Dellstedt omitted to mention that the first vessel on the scene, the first to attach lines to the German vessel, alert the rescue services and contain the fire with its own fire-fighting equipment, was the Survey vessel Whitethorn.

She stood by tied to the German vessel to ensure the safety of the German crew, putting herself at risk, not knowing the nature of the cargo or severity of the fire because the German vessel had lost all means of radio communication. The Master and engineers from the German ship came aboard the Whitethorn to use the ship's radio.

I believe a good deal of credit should be given to the Master and crew of the Whitethorn for their competent and professional handling of the situation.

I might add that the RN Minesweeper Crichton appeared not to have adequate experience and equipment for this emergency in one of the busiest shipping lanes of the world. The Whitethorn had to supply additional fire-fighting equipment to the Navy vessel.

Yours, etc,
A. CROSBY,
Institute of Geological Sciences,
Ring Road,
Halton,
Leeds.
August 11.

Press in South Africa

From Mr Alan Locke

Sir, I purchased your newspaper August 1 ($1.50), to peruse the current events in South Africa and to put aside as a memento of my young son's birthday.

I see Donald Woods is still at it!

He states, apparently with a straight "face", that the South African press is not free. We all agree, but self-protection against subversion, while on the extreme side, is a natural tendency and the South Africans are correct in their desire to preserve some semblance of order in the middle of chaos.

The press is not free in the United Kingdom, either – as Mr Woods could well inquire of your own paper or, indeed, the *Financial Times*.

I have often wondered why the gentleman in question did not have the courage of his own convictions and become a journalist in, say, Uganda or Burundi – not run to the arms of white so-called democracy in England, and snipe.

He could do with a dose of black "rule", as I have experienced, or, better, five years on black-grown food in Angola or Mozambique. He would then run *to* South Africa as so many blacks do – not run away.

Most sincerely,
ALAN LOCKE,
35094 Dorchester Court,
Lakeshore Park,
Newark, Ca 94560,
USA.
August 6.

Sloanes at Exeter

From Mr Owen Hughes

Sir, What a pity that Professor Ted Wragg (report, August 8) allows his anti-public school prejudices to get in the way of the truth when he relates an incident at his own university.

The Exeter University Federation of Conservative Students did indeed hire a white Rolls-Royce as a counter-protest during a day of action, in an attempt to show that at least Conservative students need no more in grants from the Government.

However, the "leading lights" of the Exeter FCS are not the public-school "coves" that Professor Wragg speaks of. No, like any loyal Tory Party organization, they have responded to Mrs Thatcher's initiative and have ruthlessly purged all the wet public-school types who, in despair, have set up exclusive dining clubs and Tory reform groups from where they snipe at the Tebbitite FCS.

Yours faithfully,
OWEN HUGHES,
10 Peatmoor Close,
Fleet,
Aldershot,
Hampshire.
August 9.

Nigerian students

From Mr N. G. Joseph

Sir, Those who have experience in dealing with Nigerian students will find the reported statement of the officials of the Nigerian High Commission unconvincing (*The Times*, August 2). The most common reason given for non-payment of fees by the students is the restrictions, as well as the long bureaucratic delays, in releasing the necessary foreign exchange. Yet the High Commission officials deny this.

The concern of the educational institutions and hostels about the £3m owing by the Nigerian students is understandable. What is less well known, and should cause us equal concern, is the undeserved privations and problems these young people suffer, with perhaps consequent ill effects on the quality of their work and health.

While any approach made to the Nigerian High Commission for any assistance receives a polite response, I found their scope for speedy action is limited. Lack of information is not the real cause of this, as the High Commission officials claim, but a lack of a definite policy.

One suggestion worth considering is to get a financial guarantee, supported by the Nigerian Government (even in the case of private students) before admission is given to students for any course of study.

Yours faithfully,
N. G. JOSEPH, Warden,
Chester House Hostel,
1 Chester House,
Pages Lane,
Muswell Hill, N10.

Body and mind

From Professor P. Armitage

Sir, Even those who, like myself, are sceptical of some of the claims made for alternative medicine will welcome the support given by Ruth West and Brian Inglis, in the third of their articles (August 10), for controlled studies to compare conventional and alternative therapies.

Many of us find it difficult to enthuse about systems of treatment with a weak theoretical basis and little convincing evidence of effectiveness. The latter requires more than mere anecdotes of individual patients' experiences.

Fortunately, the principles of comparative clinical trials are widely understood, although their extension to the comparison of conventional and alternative therapies will require a more generous degree of cooperation from the practitioners on both sides than has usually been evident.

This pragmatic approach to the evaluation of therapy is unfortunately discouraged in your rather obscurantist leading article of the same day. You denigrate the "purely scientific attitude to medicine", the "causal approach" as a basis for scientific exploration, and the statistical approach to medicine.

If, by a non-causal approach, you mean a recognition of the extent to which a patient's response is influenced by an enormous number of external factors and personal characteristics, then you should realise that it is precisely this "indeterminism" that makes it imperative to compare therapies by carefully designed studies in which statistical design and analysis are essential ingredients.

How otherwise are we ever to know that the apparent success of an alternative therapy is due to the intrinsic properties of the therapy and not to the individual characteristics of those patients who happen to choose it?

Yours faithfully,
P. ARMITAGE,
University of Oxford,
Department of Biomathematics,
Pusey Street,
Oxford.
August 11.

Missing the point

From Mr Robert Mason

Sir, Near here there is a street mainly of small hotels and bed and breakfast places. One of the few privately occupied houses has a prominent notice in the window: "We are not a guest house." Next door there is an equally prominent notice: "But were a guest house."

Each time I pass I have to resist the temptation to ring the bell and ask "Yes, but what are you now?"

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT MASON,
44 Sussex Square,
Brighton,
Sussex.
August 13.

Planning by default

From Mr Michael Cross

Sir, The demise of economic and physical policy thinking and planning is to be viewed with great alarm. Your leading article, "A plan by any other name" (August 8) highlights the madness of planning by default.

Buried within this no policy/no planning philosophy lie elements of the belief that state involvement of almost any kind hinders and possibly prevents economic initiative taking. Is this really the case?

Surely the state plays a vital role by providing the physical, social and technical infra-structure upon which the economy can develop. For example, without a coherent and long term policy as regards the communication/information infrastructure required for the UK, the future growth of the economy might be severely impeded.

Would it be too much to ask the renamed Social Science Research Council to fill the vacuum created by the closure of the "think tank" (NEDO beware) and to present a coherent series of policy options from its "centres of excellence"? If not, where can we turn for *real* policy analysis?

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL CROSS,
182A Kew Road,
Richmond,
Surrey.

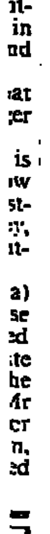
Intimations of mortality

From Instructor Captain M. A. Waller, RN (Retd)

Sir, It was Egypt. He was trying to sell me a rug. I was resisting. He outlined its virtues at length ending, "Sir, it will last you a lifetime." He stopped short, looking at my white hair, turned and walked away laughing loudly.

Dammit! I'm only 67.

Yours apprehensively,
M. A. WALLER,
Encanto,
Combe St Nicholas,
Chard, Somerset.
August 8.





COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
August 16: The Prince Andrew this morning visited British Airways Helicopters' Base at Aberdeen and was received upon arrival by the Chairman, British Airways Helicopters Ltd (Mr Frederick E. Bonner).
Squadron Leader Adam Wise was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, patron, the English Chamber Orchestra, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, will attend a concert given by Mr Mstislav Rostropovich and the orchestra at *Kensington* Palace on December 5.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will attend Commemoration Week celebrations at King's College on December 1.

Princess Anne, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, will attend the St John Gala Ball at the Inter-Continental Hotel on December 7.

Princess Anne, Colonel-in-Chief, Royal Signals, will attend a briefing at the School of Signals, Blandford Camp, Dorset, on December 9.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend a fashion show organized by the Arab Women's Council Emergency Relief at The Savoy Hotel on December 14.

Princess Anne, President of the Save the Children Fund, will attend the annual carol concert at the Albert Hall on December 21.

Princess Anne, Chancellor of London University, will open the new Department of Nursing Studies at Chelsea College on November 2.

Princess Anne, will attend the Christmas celebrations in Westminster Cathedral on December 20.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr T. Barrett and Miss A. Nissen
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Stephen Barrett, of Radnor Walk, London, SW3, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Eugene Nissen, of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Mr S. S. B. Blair and Miss C. G. de Nobriga
The engagement is announced between Stephen, youngest son of the late Mr D. A. Blair and Mrs Blair, of Rangitane, Wanganui, New Zealand, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander de Nobriga, of Coton Lodge, Guilsborough, Northampton.

Mr P. H. Brewin and Miss T. L. Speller
The engagement has been announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr H. Brewin, of Sydney, New South Wales, and Mrs J. Drage, of Melbourne, Victoria, and Tessa, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Speller, of Tonbridge, Kent.

Mr P. J. Eccles and Miss M. McL. Scrimgeour
The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs John R. Eccles, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Meg, youngest daughter of Air Commodore D. McL. Scrimgeour, CBE, RAF, Retd, of Southampton, and Mrs R. S. Scrimgeour, of Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Mr I. M. Le Page and Miss S. E Meller
The engagement is announced between Ian, son of Mr and Mrs M. J. Le Page, of Guildford, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. T. Meller, of East Clandon.

Mr C. Mathison and Miss F. Lloyd
The engagement is announced between Cedric, son of the late Mr J. C. Mathison, OBE, and Mrs P. E. Mathison, of Perth, Australia, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. J. W. Lloyd, of Heswall, Wirral.

Mr C. N. Sutton and Miss A. Bartlett
The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs M. G. Sutton, of Kingston, Surrey, and Annabelle, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. M. Bartlett, of Hawkley, Liss, Hampshire.

Mr M. P. Webster-Trussell and Miss C. L. Hurrell
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs D. Webster-Trussell, of Broomhill, Sheffield, and Christine, eldest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs J. I. Hurrell, of Norwich.

Marriages

Mr N. R. Perryman and Miss M. M. Adamson
The marriage took place in the King Henry VII Chapel, Westminster Abbey (the Chapel of the Order of the Bath) on August 13, 1983, of Mr Nigel Perryman, only son of Mr and Mrs David Perryman, of Lalehambon-Thames, Middlesex, and Miss Melanie Adamson, eldest daughter of Mr Norman J. Adamson, QC, and Mrs Adamson, of Guildford, Surrey.
A reception was held at the Royal Over-Seas League.

Mr E. M. Singleton and Miss E. S. Morgan
The marriage took place at St Teresa's Church, Newcastle upon Tyne, on Tuesday, August 16, 1983, between Mr Martin Singleton, second son of Mr and Mrs Edward Singleton, of Brighouse, West Yorkshire, and Miss Susan Morgan, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Peter Morgan, of Newcastle upon Tyne. The Rev Richard B. Harriott officiated.

Mr R. M. M. Trapp and Miss D. F. Cooney
The marriage took place on July 30, 1983, at the Church of SS Michael and Martin, Hounslow, of Mr Roger Michael Murray Trapp, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. R. Trapp, of Sisted, Braintree, Essex, and Miss Deirdre Frances Cooney, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Cooney, of Hounslow, Middlesex.

University news

Cambridge
Elections
Professor J. R. S. Fincham, ScD, (Peterhouse), FRS, Buchanan professor of genetics, Edinburgh University, has been elected to the Arthur Balfour professorship of genetics from May 1, 1984.
Dr S. Rosenne, advocate and member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, Israel, has been elected Arthur Goodhart professor in legal science for the academical year 1985-86.

Appointment
University Lecturer, Classics: Miss W. M. Beard, MA, PhD, (Newnham College). From January 1, 1984 for three years.

Awards
H M Chadwick studentship 1983-84: K R Dark, Sidney Sussex College.
Archbishop Cranmer studentships 1983-84: R S Hopps, Clare Hill and J A Vage, M A, St Catherine's College.
Charles Fox prize 1983: L M Boatfield, MA, [illegible]
Queens' College, S C Taylor, BA, Sidney Sussex College.
Michael Foster studentship in physiology 1983-84: H R Matthews, BA, St John's College.
Gladstone memorial prize 1983: R A Bradley, BA, Trinity Hall.
Ellen McArthur research studentships in economic history 1983-84: P J P Goldberg, BA, Trinity Hall, J A Hemery, M Phil, Corpus Christi College.
Olive Garty studentship 1983-84: H P C Robinson, BA, Corpus Christi.
KCL research studentship: B A Styne, Corpus Christi, elected for one year from October 1.
Harold Samuel studentship: C Pierond, London School of Economics and Political Science, elected for two years from October 1.

Birthdays today

Sir Antony Acland, 67; the Earl of Carrick, 52; Mr Robin Cousins, 26; Lieutenant-General Sir Richard Goodwin, 75; Sir Michael Hadow, 68; Dr J. P. Hodin, 78; the Very Rev R. C. D. Jasper, 66; Professor Sir Leslie Martin, 75; Mr George Melly, 57; Mr Alan Minter, 32; Mr V. S. Naipaul, 51; Mr Hamish Orr-Ewing, 59; Dr E. S. Page, 55; Mr Nelson Piquet, 31; Mr Wayne Sleep, 35; Miss Alfreda Thorogood, 41; Mr Guillermo Vilas, 31; Sir Michael Williams, 72; Professor Michael Wise, 65.

Church news

The Rev P J Swindells, Rector of Clophill, diocese of St Albans, to be also Priest-in-charge of Upper and Lower Gravenhurst (plurality with Shillington now severed), same diocese.
The Rev T G Tyndall, Priest-in-charge of St Michael with St Hilda, Bishopwearmouth and Rural Dean of Wearmouth, diocese of Durham, to be also an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral, same diocese.
The Rev J B Williams, Principal Officer of Bath and Wells Mission to the Deaf, diocese of Bath and Wells, to be Team Vicar of St Columba (in the Team Ministry of Holy Trinity with St Columba, Fareham), Fareham, diocese of Portsmouth.
The Rev R N Whittingham, Vicar of Shareshill, diocese of Lichfield, to be Vicar of Silverdale, Stoke upon Trent, same diocese.
The Rev D W Wilde, Priest-in-charge of Bestwood Park, Nottingham, diocese of Southwell, to be Rector of Holy Trinity, Kimberley, same diocese.



Welcoming hands: The Rev Ayo Omideyi outside James Brooks's fine building in Shoreditch, east London (Photograph: Tony Weaver).

Pastor rescues a Victorian edifice

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A fine piece of Victorian church architecture is about to be rescued from dereliction and brought back to life in the East End of London by the Christ Apostolic Church, one of the largest denominations in Nigeria.

The church, built to a design by James Brooks in 1867, and the matching complex of ancillary buildings which once housed a thriving Anglo-Catholic mission to London's poor, are destined to become a showplace of Black Christianity in Britain.

The parish church of St Columba was declared redundant about five years ago, caught between the upper and nether millstones of a falling congregation and the rising cost of building maintenance.

The Grade A listed building has a noble exterior and superb internal proportions. It is to be restored in traditional style at a cost of more than a quarter of a million pounds. The Christ Apostolic Church, although pentecostal, is not far in fundamentals from the Church of England, and the Pastor, the Rev Ayo Omideyi, has Anglican sympathies.

His congregation has raised £60,000 to buy the ancillary buildings, a former clergy house, convent, and school, and another £60,000 for their repair. Much of the work was done voluntarily, local residents were treated to the sight of black housewives mixing concrete on the pavement outside, a performance of enormous African enthusiasm and good humour.

The same energy is about to burst inside the church itself, as soon as the diocese of London signs the final documents and hands over the key.

At present the locked church, surrounded by the gusto of the community now using the adjacent buildings, is a rather unfriendly symbol of the Church of England's attitude to its new tenants, or so it must seem to Pastor Omideyi.

The £263,000 cost of renovation, much of which will go to make good Anglican neglect of the fabric in the past, will be partly covered by grants from Hackney Borough Council, The Greater London Council, and the Department of the Environment. That is the one advantage to the church of taking on a listed building. The rest will be raised as the previous £120,000 was raised, from the pockets of church members and by door-to-door collections in the area.

Although Nigerian in origin, Pastor Omideyi's constant theme to his congregation is that the Christ Apostolic Church must become British, and must aim to serve not ex-patriate Africans exclusively but the whole local community. There is a particular job waiting to be done, he said, with local young West Indians.

"We have the premises and we have the skill", he said. "We are hoping to get as many people from the community as possible to come and worship with us. When we have completed the work, we are hoping it will be used for various projects of the community in general."

His church is independent of its Nigerian mother church, and no financial assistance is expected from that direction. The congregation already contains West Indians, Ghanaians, and the first few white members, and there are four assistant pastors.

They are united in their pride at having one of the "many fine buildings which gave Britain her cultural heritage", and in the belief that they were led to this spot just to the north of Shoreditch High Street by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. It is part of the creed of the Christ Apostolic Church that miracles do happen.

Service luncheon

Royal Army Service Corps and Royal Corps of Transport
The RASC and RCT Officers' Luncheon Club yesterday entertained Major-General J. Lunt at luncheon at Mark Masons Hall. Brigadier D. N. Locke, chairman, presided and among those attending were:
Major-Generals Sir Cecil Smith, P Blunt, J B Churcher and G Roberts; Brigadier E W T Darlow; Rear-Admiral P Sharp; Colonels H T Wheeler, F V Gray, B Jones, R A Savill, V J Roy-Applin, R C McCoy, J S M Walker, P F P Lodge, R F Discombe and F H Everingham.

Reception

HM Government
Mr John MacKay, Minister for Health and Social Work at the Scottish Office, was host at a reception held in Edinburgh Castle last night on the occasion of the meeting in Edinburgh of the nineteenth congress of the International Association of Logopaedics and Phoniatrics.

Island service for helicopter victims

Lord Franks, a member of the Duchy of Cornwall Council, will represent the Prince of Wales at a memorial service for the 20 victims of the Isles of Scilly helicopter crash to be held at St Mary the Virgin, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly, on September 14.

Society of Apothecaries

The following have been elected officers of the Society of Apothecaries of London for the ensuing year:
Master: Sir Peter Tizard; Senior Warden: Professor Norman Ashton; Junior Warden: Professor Alastair Dudgeon.



Cool head: George Turley, of Durham A, finding it thirsty work at the English Bowling Association national pairs championship at Worthing, West Sussex, yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Science report

Long-distance trading in flint axes

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Analysis of flint axes from the southern British neolithic has shown that a high proportion were made in Sussex and traded to other parts of the country, even where regions had their own flint resources. As a result, the acknowledgement of some well-known sites as axe factories will need to be revised.

The study, carried out by British Museum Research Laboratory staff, was intended to see whether individual flint mines could be characterized on the basis of the trace elements of their flint. That approach has been used with great success in the study of the obsidian trade in the Near East, Mexico, New Zealand and other parts of the world, and has also proved useful in the investigation of other traded materials.

Contemporary neolithic axes in Britain made from other stones have been shown to be widely traded, with axes from sources as distant as the Lake District and Northern Ireland being found in the south-east of England.

More than 400 polished flint axes were sampled, some 300 from the three major flint-mining areas of East Anglia, Sussex and Wessex and the others from excavations in and beyond those regions.

The technique employed was atomic absorption spectrometry, which, the authors say in the forthcoming issue of *Archaeometry*, "gives acceptably accurate and precise results for those elements in which we are interested. Its operation is relatively straightforward and large numbers of samples can be processed in a short time."

The analysis showed that at important sites such as Maiden Castle and Windmill Hill axes were rarely made from local field flint, but were of mined material from outside the region. While it was not possible to assign individual axes to specific mines with certainty, assignment to a region was easier.

The surprising result here was that most axes from East Anglia and Wessex, regions with plentiful local flint, had been imported from the mines of the South Downs in Sussex. Those mines were operating during the earlier part of the neolithic, prior to 3000 BC in radiocarbon years.

The analyses suggest that the extensive flint mines at Grimes Graves in Norfolk, which have long been assumed to be axe factories, must have been used to produce other kinds of tools during its period of operation around 2000 BC. The same conclusion applies to the Easton Down mines in Wessex, which functioned half a millennium earlier.

The implications of the study include a greater discrimination between qualities of raw material on the part of our ancestors, with the obvious preference for Sussex flint, and the indication that trade in flint axes in the fourth millennium BC was a long-distance one, with Sussex products reaching as far as Somerset.

Source: *Archaeometry*, Vol 25, pp 135-163.

A wealth of pop memorabilia to come under Sotheby's hammer

A sale of pop memorabilia at Sotheby's next month, including several souvenirs of The Beatles, is expected to total £170,000.

A hand-written draft of "Imagine", a song by John Lennon is expected to fetch up to £10,000. And a Broadwood upright piano on which he composed songs, including "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds", could fetch £15,000.

The sale, on September 1 in London, has 350 Beatles items and several others connected with the Rolling Stones, Elvis Presley, Cliff Richard, Buddy Holly and Jimi Hendrix.

Sotheby's said: "There are 477 lots and it is our biggest sale so far of pop memorabilia. We have held two other sales of this sort in the past and it is evident that there is a tremendous market".

Eight of The Beatles' gold discs and several early photographs will be on sale. A Vox Phantom guitar organ used by George Harrison is expected to fetch £8,000.

● On the sixth anniversary of the death of Elvis Presley, the souvenir business is thriving. Elvisly Yours, a company started by Mr Sidney Shaw, a north London teacher, four years ago, now has a turnover of around £400,000 a year.

Mr John Barber, manager of the firm's shop in Shoreditch, east London said:

"We have about 1,000 different lines. We supply all the gift shops in Memphis [Elvis Presley's home town in the United States] and we ship all over the world. We have even sent to the Arabs and Argentina.

"We have shipped more than 12,000 sticks of rock to Memphis over the last three weeks. The Americans love them."

OBITUARY

MR L. G. CARPENTER

Aerospace research in war and peacetime

J.P.R. writes:
Mr Leavett George Carpenter, who died on July 17 at the age of 79 after an extended illness, made an outstanding contribution to Britain's effort in the Second World war as a "boffin" at the Royal Aircraft Establishment when he headed its Armaments Department. Equally remarkable were his achievements before and after the war, but many of these also were made behind the scenes, because of military or commercial security restrictions.

Devoted to his beloved subject of physics from his undergraduate days at Oxford, he was renowned for his rigorous approach to the solution of complex physical problems in technology; and his unusual career, which embraced teaching and research in universities and industrial research as well as government service, continually led him to such problems, which were his joy.

Although probably happiest in personal research or when leading a small group, he had the unique distinction of heading three notably different and large units at Farnborough: the Electrical Department and the Department of Metallurgy and Physics, as well as the Armaments Department. At his formal retirement in 1966 he was a deputy chief Scientific Officer "by individual merit", a rare grading.

Scientist, administrator with organisational flair, and teacher he was; but above all "L.G." was a leader, able to inspire those around him. As a person, he was a man of exceptional sincerity and integrity, self-effacing about his own accomplishments and generous in helping colleagues, especially the younger ones.

Leavett Carpenter's perception of the future needs for new materials in aerospace during the post-war years, and of the ways of satisfying these needs, was outstanding: the better known of the many developments with which he was concerned are perhaps carbon fibres and titanium alloys. After retirement from Farnborough he returned to Oxford to pursue research on the physics of various materials, and in his seventies was still attracting good research funding.

Before joining R.A.E. he had been on the academic staff of the Physics Department of the University of Southampton, where his clarity and humanity as a teacher first became apparent and where he undertook elegant work on the specific heat of several pure elements. His first appointment had been with Ferranti in Manchester, and in his late twenties upon moving to Southampton he was retained by this company as a consultant.

To the end he was in demand as a consultant and lecturer, and in his last year he saw the publication of the second edition of his well-known book on vacuum technology.

HIS HONOUR JUDGE CHAVASSE

His Honour Judge Chavasse, QC, who died suddenly on August 12 at the age of 60, had been a Circuit Judge since 1977.

The second son of the late Bishop C. M. Chavasse, Michael Louis Maude Chavasse was born on January 5, 1923, and educated at Shrewsbury School and Trinity College, Oxford. He enlisted in the Royal Armoured Corps in 1941, was commissioned in the Buffs, and served in Italy with the Royal Norfolk Regiment.

He was called to the Bar by the Inner Temple in 1949, and took Silk in 1968. From 1972 to 1977 he was a Recorder of the Crown Court. In 1959 he was joint author of *Rights of Light*, and in 1964 of *A Critical Annotation of the RIBA Standard Forms of Building Contract*.

MR FREDERICK PRITCHARD

Mr Frederick Hugh Dalzel Pritchard, CBE, who died on August 12 at the age of 77, was Secretary-General of the British Red Cross Society from 1951 to 1970.

He was born on August 26, 1905, and educated at Charterhouse and Oriel College, Oxford. He was admitted a solicitor in 1931, and became a partner in Pritchard Sons Partington & Holland in 1933.

In 1940 he became legal adviser to the War Organisation of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St John and in 1948 he became executive assistant to the vice-chairman of the British Red Cross Society.

DR ARTEMIO FRANCHI

Dr Artemio Franchi, President of the Union of European Football Associations (UEFA) died in a car accident at Siena, Italy, on August 12. He was 61. He was also vice-president of the International Soccer Federation (FIFA) and honorary president of the Italian Soccer Federation of which he had twice served as president between 1967 and 1980.

Franchi, a Florentine who had been profitably involved in the petroleum business, had a reputation in football circles as a diplomat.

MR ZOLTAN VAS

Mr Zoltán Vas, who died on August 14 at the age of 80, was a member of several Hungarian governments in the years after the Second World War, including that of Imre Nagy. When the Nagy government was overthrown by the Soviet Union in 1956, Vas was deported to Romania, but was allowed to return to Hungary soon afterwards.

Vas, who was born on March 30, 1903, was a long-standing member of the Communist Party. He became a close associate of Rakosi, returning with him from exile in the Soviet Union at the end of the Second World War. He was chairman of the state planning bureau from 1946 to 1953, when he was dismissed.

In 1954 he became first secretary of the Council of Ministers, with responsibility for a more moderate economic policy. But he was removed from that post in 1955 and became deputy Minister for Foreign Trade.

Signor Gulliano Nostini, a former world fencing champion, died at Bressanone, Italy, on August 16, at the age of 72.

Nostini won the foil gold medal at the 1936 Olympics, and was world champion several times in that speciality.

Mr Eric Franks, chairman of the London rugby senior clubs association, and a president of the Blackheath RFC, died on August 11.

Move to safeguard the Chatsworth treasures

From Our Correspondent, Chesterfield

The Duke of Devonshire's family trust is negotiating to sell 74 of his Old Master drawings direct to the British Museum to stop them going abroad and being lost to Britain for ever, it was disclosed yesterday.

The drawings, include works by *Rembrandt*, *Raphael*, Rubens and Van Dyck. Estimated to be worth in the region of £4m they are a small part of the Chatsworth collection and have been owned by the family for almost 300 years.

But even more than his art collection, the Duke of Devonshire treasures his home, Chatsworth House, near Bakewell, Derbyshire, and the sale of the drawings is part of a long-term plan to "rearrange the family assets" to maintain Chatsworth for the public benefit.

The duke raised more than £2m two years ago with the sale of books and the £1,815,000 masterpiece "The Holy Family with St Elizabeth and St John the Baptist" by Nicholas Poussin. It was eventually acquired by the Getty Museum and the Norton Simon Museum in the United States. The money the duke said, was being used to preserve the house for future generations.

The British Museum have also secured a first refusal on any other drawings the duke may sell "although none is contemplated", Mr Tim Burrows, secretary to the trustees of the Chatsworth settlement, saic

The Duke of Devonshire: Rearranging family assets.

Latest wills

Bate, Mr Peter, of Stockton Heath, Warrington, Cheshire £498,387
Beamond, Mrs Susan Loretta, of Sutton-on-Sea, Lincolnshire £221,256
Goldberg, Mr Arthur, of Hartley, Plymouth, Devon £806,080
Lewis, Mrs Doris Gwendolen Rose, of March, Cambridgeshire £250,971
Lomas, Mr William, of St Kilda, Victoria, Australia, intestate, estate in England and Wales £262,325
Neale, Mrs Rhoda May, of Reigate, Surrey £402,452

Coward memorial

A memorial in honour of Sir Noel Coward, the playwright and actor, is to be placed in Westminster Abbey. Sir Noel died in 1973, aged 73, at his home in Jamaica.

Memorial service

Colonel N. E. Viner-Brady
A memorial service for Colonel Noel Edmund Viner-Brady was held at St Mary's, Twickenham, yesterday. The Rev John Gatin officiated.



THE ARTS

Nobody has done more than Channel 4 to raise the status of the television film, an achievement recognized by the establishment of a special section for such work at the Locarno Film Festival. But Channel 4 reacted strangely to Locarno's offer to fly the flag, as **John Bowen** reports

Picture palace for the home

The new element at the Locarno Film Festival this year was the inclusion of a special section devoted to television films. Of course there are plenty of television festivals (Monte Carlo, Venice, Banff) with categories for almost every sort of television, but Locarno is the first to recognize that a new artifact has arrived, the television film, and that its proper place for display may be at a film festival.

It has been true for some time that any cinema film which is not a blockbuster may have to rely on an eventual sale to television to bring it into profit. In the USA, with the advent of cable, there are feature films being made which are intended only for television. In Britain we have Channel 4, which has been putting up a substantial proportion of a film's budget in order to have the right to show it first on television. The BBC has the facilities to follow suit, but a reluctance so far to do so.

The interdependence of television and cinema has become close, and can only grow closer. One must salute Locarno for recognizing the logic. Yet, just as within the world of cinema itself, though films may take much money and time to set up, many of the decisions which concern them will be entirely frivolous. The admirable decision by the executive committee at Locarno came about simply because an exhibition of drawings by Fellini had fallen through: the television film section was set up as a replacement, with four months to organize and the comparatively small budget of 50,000 Swiss francs.

The television movies had to be obtained quickly, and what is quickest is not always best. Entries for Monte Carlo and Venice are chosen corporately after much discussion. Locarno had to go to production companies and ask for entries before a deadline. There were 92 entries from 21 countries, but even so those from Argentina and Egypt arrived after the deadline, and the Australian entry is thought to be still on the way.

The worst disappointment was the reaction of Channel 4, whose *Films on 4* have carried the company flag for drama (with not much, to be sure, behind it) and topped its ratings. *Gian-Carlo Bertelli, chief executive* of the television films section, asked specifically for *Walter*, and was denied. He asked thereafter for any of the *Films on 4*, and was denied them all.

These films, he was told, were for distribution in cinemas; they must not be called "television movies" at all. It is hard to believe that any of the Goldcrest *First Love* series, excellent as most of them have been, were intended for cinema distribution.

The BBC submitted one entry, *To the Lighthouse*. Unfortunately the BBC's co-producer on *The Captain's Doll*, Primetime, independently entered this D. H. Lawrence-based film. Both were shown as BBC entries in the programme. It appeared, therefore, as if the BBC had put in two films, both adaptations from literary sources, both set at the beginning of this century, both very painterly pieces of image-making, both moving at a leisurely pace. The duplication suggested that the BBC was making a statement about the nature and aims of its television drama, which is simply not true.

The 92 films could not all be shown in competition; no jury would tolerate so many. An *ad hoc* panel whittled them down to 18 in competition, 53 shown "for information". With such an unselective entry-process, there was inevitably much dross, *even in competition*, where *Ivanhoe* was shown to a susurration of stiffled giggles from jury and journalists.

As for the international jury, it also had to be found quickly. There were two directors (Franco Rossi of Italy and Roger Gillioz of Switzerland), one writer (David Hare from Britain) and Alvin Marill from the USA, who was none of those, but the author of a definitive compilation of American television films, an encyclopaedist more than a critic. The difference between the attitudes of the jurors to their common subject may best be illustrated by quotation.

David Hare: "The place where you have to make films now *is* for television ... In Britain, films made for television are more interesting and important than those made for a collapsing film industry ... I hate the depressing grammar of some television movies ... the English tendency to love the word more than the image." Alvin Marill: "A television movie is something which must be made quickly on a budget of between one and two million dollars. It must be designed to be split into 17-minute segments, geared to presenting its stars, not what the writer wishes to say, and will be considered by the networks as a potential pilot."

All four of the jurors spoke English; two spoke no other language. Many of the entries bore no subtitles. The prizes went to two English-language films and one German. *Harry's Game*, Yorkshire Television's well-made thriller set in Northern Ireland, was awarded the Gold. *Domino*, a very stylish symbolic piece in black and white, from Germany, about an actress and the unemployed, had the Silver, and a Public Service Broadcasting film from the USA, also in black and white, *Miss Lonelyhearts*, had the Bronze.

This last, made on a budget of only 140,000 dollars by two young Americans, Michael Dinner (director) and Jay Holman (producer), was much admired, and many of us, including one member of the jury, would have preferred to see it in first place.

There were other awards – to John Mortimer for his screenplay of *A Voyage Round My Father* and Rosemary Harris for her performance in *To the Lighthouse*. *Domino* picked up awards for its actress and cameraman; a Swedish entry had a Special Mention, and so, shamefully, did a routine American western.

Next year there will be a greatly refined method of selection, with restricted entry, though the practice of showing a selection out of competition as a supplement to the jury-entries will continue, and there will be the facilities of a market where independent producers will be able to show video-cassettes in private to possible buyers.

"Television movies" is not a denigratory description. It is likely that millions more people will see on television those films just shown in the Grand Piazza – *Vivement Dimanche*, Truffaut's slipshod homage to Hitchcock, the almost sinfully enjoyable danced Spanish version of *Carmen*, the sado-sentimental *Merry Christmas, Mr Lawrence*, in which David Bowie gives his Peter O'Toole in a Japanese prison camp. Channel 4, alone in Britain, perhaps alone in the world, has begun to reverse the process, and we must hope that next year at Locarno it will acknowledge as much, and be proud. As Gian-Carlo Bertelli said: "To go to somebody who makes wine, and ask for wine, and then they will not give you wine, there is no sense in it".


Katharina Thalbach in the stylish black-and-white symbolism of *Domino*

Television

Team of troubles

The boys of the Rathcoole estate did not all pray together, but they played together, which was surprising and exemplary as the estate was five miles from Belfast. Their football team had a Catholic name, Star of the Sea, and was good enough for *Protestants to want to join*. Boys coming along were observed not to see which foot they dug with but how well they could shoot. When the troubles started, Rathcoole, with a Catholic population of one in four, first seemed far enough away to preserve its harmony which was such, we heard last night, that even on July 12 Catholics joined in the fun.

What changed this live-and-let-live situation was the shift of populations caused by the troubles. By 1972, Protestants, made homeless elsewhere, were flocking in, bitter and demanding protection. Bricks instead of balls bagan to fly and Catholics, embittered in their turn, moved.

The Star of the Sea team struggled on but togetherness was over. Three would go to prison for terrorist offences and one, Bobby Sands, would die there on hunger strike. BBC1's **Old Scores** talked to former members of the team about how it was and is.

Not all friendships perished. That of Willie Caldwell, a Prostestant, and Desie Black, a Catholic, has flourished but outside Ulster. Raymond McCord, a Protestant, told how he had tried to dissuade his co-religionists *from terrorizing* Catholics. He had his nose and hands broken for his pains. He is now to emigrate to Australia with his family. Sooner or later, he thought, there would be a civil war and it would be impossible to sit on the fence. Mr McCord, a welder, had concluded that Ulster was no place for a rational man.

One Catholic, Dennis Sweeney, whose experience of violence led him to become a doctor, was fairly sanguine. He hoped his son would one day play for the Star of the Sea. The rationale for his optimism was not drawn from him. He did not blame any of his team-mates for their involvement. It was practically impossible, he said, to live in a working-class district and not be caught up. It was a case of "There, but for the grace of God, go I".

That grace was not much evident in this sad little programme. Olenka Frenkiel sounded purposeful but her *questioning lacked incisiveness*; often she seemed to be inquiring after footballing potential rather than motivation and altogether we were left with that old feeling of Ulster hopelessness.

Dennis Hackett

Theatre

Arden of Faversham

The Pit

Based on a real-life *cause célèbre* of 1551 and written about 40 years later *Arden of Faversham* is one of British theatre's earliest thrillers. Combining suspense and black humour – the murder has seven false *attempts, stretching* from the first act to the last – it reveals itself in performance as much better written than its solidly end-stopped lines suggest to a reader.

Its author remains unidentified. It is quite unlike Shakespeare or Marlowe and the *strange mind that came up with* it must rest content to be known, as major figures in art history are, as the Master of *Arden* and no more.

Terry Hands's production gets through it in barely two hours (no interval), with Kandis Cook's set creating the bourgeois solidity of Thomas Arden's Faversham house with a canopy of branches overhanging furniture and floor of bare wood. Murder attempts by Arden's adulterous wife Alice even extend to his London lodging at Aldersgate, making this a truly local Barbican play, *but he finally meets death at his* own Kentish fireside and the corpse is dragged to a patch of his own ground, greedily possessed from smaller landowners.

The motif of Arden's avarice, condemned by some literary critics, ensures that audience sympathies have nowhere to rest, *however pathetic a figure* he may be in his desperate, almost *suicidal* cuckoldom – and Christopher Benjamin's Arden is pathetic, for all his porcine, bullying build.

Jenny Agutter shows much better as the sweetly dissimulating Alice than she did as Regan, from the moment she slides on *in her shift to* beset her husband with hypocritical pleas to return to bed and excuses for naming young Mosby in her sleep. For his part, Mosby (Robert O'Mahoney), facing crises with ghastly feeble smiles and turning on her under pressure in a *horrid pre-echo of Thérèse Raquin*, cannot help himself, and the machinery of lumbering murder attempts proceeds until victim and murderers are crushed alike.

Loaded with padding and protective ironmongery like Tweedledum, John Bowe's Black Will gives an Elizabethan cut-throat a laboured Doolittle voice *as he staggers from failure* to failure, missing his prey by having a bookstall shutter brain him in St Paul's churchyard or an unexpected lord greet Arden and spirit him away from some gloriously unprotected heath.

More interesting is the Ardens' servant Michael (Mark Rylance), *striding* surly and apple-cheeked through this minefield and tempted by love of Mosby's sister to complicity beyond his powers. Black Will all but slits his pretty nose for one disaster and in return, after the murder, he recognizes his equality with the lordly culprits *by some blatant insolence* before he makes a crass mistake and *delivers all of them to the* stake or the gallows.

Such social aspects get their full value without detracting from the personal character of the tragedy. And tragedy, surprisingly, it is: murder, and *the death of murderers* if caught, is a silly and tragic waste. But *the play remains* excellent theatre, fascinating to anybody who loves Shakespeare, compelling to anyone at all.

Anthony Masters

Donald Cooper

Conspirators: Robert O'Mahoney (left), Ian Talbot, John Bowe

Opera

Production in perfect harmony

Don Giovanni

Coliseum

English National Opera begin their new season with a *Don Giovanni* in spruce condition on stage and orchestrally magnificent: the promise is bright. John Stoddart's cavalier costumes and versatile timbered sets are lit by Roger Frith in a sequence of gorgeous nocturnes, within which the Anthony Besch production has been revived most ingeniously and intelligently by Peter Foster. Movement is easy and elegant, and made without any banal choreography of the action, to fit well with the pace and feeling of the music.

When nothing is needed to happen, nothing happens. But otherwise the opera is gently led forward in a way that allows musical numbers to emerge naturally from the behaviour and positioning of the characters.

In the middle of the second act, for instance, Don Ottavio has just taken leave of Elvira and the peasant couple when he turns to sing them "Il mio tesoro". It is not just a set piece but an adieu, and a touchingly lovely one as delivered here by Adrian Martin, who shows rare artistry in his ability to turn a phrase suddenly into silver, as he does also in his meaningful inflexion of words.

The atmosphere on stage of *calm elegance maintained* through life-filled detail is well *echoed in the pit*, where Peter Robinson conducts the score even more marvellously than he did recently for Kent Opera. Nowhere is there a sense of pressure, not even in the supper scene, but instead phrase succeeds phrase in perfect balanced flow, and the texture is always held aloft in clear view. I wonder if the clarinets in this opera can ever have sounded so delicious, the trombones so awesome, and all without any sense of a conductor scoring points.

The cast is led, as before in this production, by Richard Van Allan, a saturnine Don Giovanni. Dark in tone yet beguiling in its movement, his voice seduces with invitations to hell that any but the meanest spirit would willingly accept. It *also matches the similarly grave* accents of the new Leporello.

Rather surprisingly this is Norman Bailey, who does not yet sound at ease with Mozart's quicker diction or with the business of playing the clown. His performance is a game one, but the style needs to be more secure in a production which shuns fussiness and leaves character to be established by voice and demeanour.

One who profits very much from this is Suzanne Murphy, *singing with immense* power as Donna Anna and yet holding to a vulnerability of tone that surrounds everything she does, even her brave and brilliant decoration, with pathos. There is also a strong Commendatore from John Tranter, and Rodney Macann enters the company as a bluff Masetto.

Paul Griffiths

Concerts

Zanily musical

Andras Schiff

Queen Elizabeth Hall

One could write a small book about the stimulating, infuriating but oddly satisfying performance of Bach's *Goldberg Variations* given at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on Monday.

Among contemporary pianists Andras Schiff may not have the most virtuosic manner, but he thinks enough for 10 pianists, and that is a gift to be prized. When he comes up with some *seemingly* zany notion – like ignoring Bach's own articulation *of the 30 variations into* the groups 1-15, 16-30 – you may be sure he has a *deliberate* plan in view.

He took us from 1 to 10 with scarcely a breath's pause, and then reached a huge climax; he made a similar climax in Variation 20, but suddenly ploughed straight on to 22 before taking another pause. *Similarly, the character of each* variation was clearly premeditated even when, perversely, it reached as far as possible away from a harpsichord sound (the drowsy spinning-wheel of No 28) or from Bach's clear intention (the slow, misty polyphony of No 22, marked *alla breve*).

But there was scarcely a thing in Schiff's playing that could be deemed unmusical, and there lay the satisfaction: so many of the variations sounded simply beautiful, and one came to accept with happy equanimity the splurged chords and oddly drawn-out phrases.

Schiff played every repeat, even in the final aria, and invented some ingenious ornamentation at places I would have throught full of notes already. Sometimes the repeats just gave an excuse for a rather loose expressive broadening; twice, in 7 and 19, he transposed up an octave, and once, in 18, down an octave as if for a consort of bassoons.

The canons (which provide Bach's sub-pattern of articulation, occurring every three variations) were splendidly *clear*, though No 9, the canon at the third (with its expressive touch of *B–A–C–H in part two*), was surely gabbled too fast. Best of all was the deeply musical shaping of the most showy variations, 14, 20, 23 and 29: brilliant.

Nicholas Kenyon

ECYO/Abbado

Albert Hall/Radio 3

The annual choice of 140 *players* from 4,000 *applicants* for the European Community *Youth Orchestra makes the* successful candidates something of an individual élite from the outset. The final programme of their summer tour brought them to a Promenade Concert for the first time on Monday, and showed that Claudio Abbado, the musical director since the scheme began six years ago, can turn them into a true *ensemble more quickly than* before.

They were at near full strength for Wagner at the start and Richard Strauss at the end, and not many fewer for the Six Orchestral Pieces of Webern. Maybe it did mark his centenary year, but as an orchestral test piece it is among the most demanding of its kind, and the young players (aged 14 to 23) responded with purposeful attack and clear focus of detail, engagingly reverberant in this hall, and played with instinctive understanding.

Intimations of mortality, much less of transfiguration, are unlikely to be matters of everyday thought *to* these players, but it was precisely the absence of guile that gave a convincing intensity to the *Death and Transfiguration* tone-poem of Strauss, and even made the effulgent C major of its fulfilment a desirable place to be. Wagner's *A Faust Overture* at the start of the concert also converted yearning to aspiration with admirable directness.

Natalia Gutman brought a strangely matter-of-fact approach to Schumann's *Cello* Concerto, her fine-spun tone seldom rising above mezzoforte even where otherwise called for, and often relying on a *sotto voce* effect that left the music sounding bland and emotionally pallid. With reduced orchestral forces, the balance was successfully *preserved*, though at some cost to the musical *character*.

Everybody seemed to be mustered for "The Death of Tybalt" from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* as a vivid *first encore*. *I missed* the second, having by then become *incensed* at the antics of a hall steward who ruined the quiet start to the Webern by his late door-closing, as he likewise did the equally soft ending to the Strauss by opening up every door to the street some 10 bars before the music finished.

Noël Goodwin

Galleries

Lucien Pissarro

Anthony d'Offay

If you are trying to be the famous son of a famous father, the disadvantages can very easily outweigh the advantages. The case of Lucien Pissarro is a classic example. As his correspondence with his father attests, he seems to have got on very well with Camille, though naturally not without minor disagreements: they even worked together on a series of woodcuts which perfectly balance the distinct approaches of the two men. But, then, cutting on wood was something Lucien knew about and Camille did not. Painting was something else again.

Thus the story told by the absorbing exhibition *Lucien Pissarro: Paintings*, at Anthony d'Offay until Saturday, and by the sumptuous *Catalogue of the Oil Paintings of Lucien Pissarro* by Anne Thorold which it accompanies (Athelney Books, 400 copies, £80), is one of gradual liberation. The earliest works in the show, such as those painted at Eragny in the 1880s, are rather like Camille at his least appealing, oddly heavy, sludgy and over-worked. The landscapes change slightly when Lucien moves to England, but again such pleasingly exotic subjects for a French painter as *Shunting at Acton* (1907) still recall Camille's evocations of English railway scenery, and a touch of Monet in a subject like *A Foggy Morning, Mortlake* does not much alter our image of heavy dependence.

Yet curiously, in his woodcut book illustrations, both black-and-white and colour, Lucien had by this time for several years been producing something *distinctively his own* – possibly because here there was no competition with the father, and so no sense of inevitable inferiority. It seems to be only more than a decade after Camille's death in 1903 that the inhibition gradually relaxes, and Lucien's oils get more and more easy and personal.

A painting like *Brume de Mer, Coney Castle* of 1919 has an almost oriental delicacy and precision of outline quite unlike what Lucien was painting before, and the later paintings of the Thames at Chiswick have an impressive lightness and immediacy. One can see why Sickert admired him, and why he was at home among the Camden Town painters and the New English Art Club. Funnily enough, he came to be recognized as a repository of tradition at just the point that he *himself* ceased to be too heavily dependent on it. He was not only at home in England, he had come home and entered into his patrimony all the more securely by repudiating it.

John Russell Taylor

Law Report August 17, 1983 Court of Appeal

No judicial review of domestic tribunals

Law v National Greyhound Racing Club Ltd

Before Lord Justice Lawton, Lord Justice Fox and Lord Justice Slade

[Judgment delivered July 29]

The purpose of section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 was to regulate procedure in relation to judicial review, not to extend the jurisdiction of the court. It put into statutory language, with modifications, what was in Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court which introduced reform in the practice and procedure relating to administrative law. Section 31 did not purport to enlarge the jurisdiction of the court so as to enable it to review the decisions of domestic tribunals.

The Court of Appeal so held, dismissing an appeal by the *defendants, the National Greyhound Racing Club (NGRC) from the dismissal by Mr Justice Walton* on May 10 last (*The Times* May 16, 1983, *sub nom Tozer v National Greyhound Racing Club*) who had dismissed motions brought by NGRC seeking to have proceedings brought against them by Mr Cecil Law, a greyhound trainer, struck out on the ground that the proceedings ought to have been brought by way of judicial review under Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

Section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 provides: "(1) An application to the High Court for one or more of the following terms of relief, namely – (*a*) an order of mandamus, prohibition or certiorari; (*b*) a declaration or injunction under subsection (2);...shall be made in accordance with rules of court by a procedure to be known as an application for judicial review.

"(2) A declaration may be made or an injunction granted under this *subsection in any case where an* application for judicial review, seeking that *relief* has been *made* and the High Court considers that, having regard to – (*a*) *the nature of* the matters in respect of which relief may be granted by orders of mandamus, prohibition or certiorari; (*b*) the nature of the persons and bodies against whom relief may be granted by such orders; and (*c*) all the circumstances of the case, it would be just and convenient for the declaration to be made or the injunction to be granted, as the case may be."

Mr Roger Henderson, QC and Mr Adrian Brunner for NGRC; Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC and Mr Ian Croxford for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that by originating summons issued on February 11, 1983, the plaintiff, who trained racing greyhounds, asked the court to grant him a number of declarations including a declaration that the decision made by the Stewards of the NGRC on December 9, 1982 in so far as they purported to suspend the plaintiff's trainers' licence was void and *ultra vires* the stewards' powers in that the action amounted to a breach of the implied term of the agreement between the plaintiff and NGRC that all actions taken by the stewards which could deprive the plaintiff of his licence would be on reasonable grounds.

The NGRC tried to persuade Mr Justice Walton that the plaintiff's claim was misconceived because if he had any valied complaint about the way the stewards had treated him he should have applied for judicial review. They failed.

They had tried to persuade the Court of Appeal that, on the correct *construction of section 31 of the* Supreme Court Act 1981, when a *domestic tribunal* was *alleged to* have made, in abuse of its powers, a decision which affected a *member of* the public or the public generally, the complaint had to apply for judicial review and could not succeed by way of an action or an originating summons for either a declaration or an injunction.

In a judgment of the Court of Appeal on October 16, 1981, in a restrictive practices case unsuccessfully brought against the NGRC Lord Justice Waller referred to the NGRC as a limited company whose objects included acting as the judicial body for the discipline and conduct of greyhound racing in England, Wales and Scotland.

Of 107 greyhound racing stadia in Great Britain 48 were licensed by the NGRC, the remainder were unapproved by them. A principal objective of the rules of the NGRC was to achieve an orderly and viable method of conducting greyhound racing in England, Wales and Scotland. *The NGRC licensed*, among others, race courses, race *course executives, trainers* and owners.

The NGRC issued rules of racing and had appointed stewards who *had no financial interest in* greyhound racing to enforce them. Trainers of greyhounds racing at licensed stadia themselves had to be licensed and if their licences were suspended they could not act as trainers during the period of suspension.

One of the malpractices the stewards had to deal with was the doping of greyhounds. The rules gave the stewards power to do so by imposing penalties, including the suspension of his licence, upon any licensed trainer who, under rule 174(a)(ii) "has in his charge a greyhound which on examination ... shows presence in its tissues or body fluids ... any quantities of any substance which by its nature could effect the performance of a greyhound ...".

On December 9, 1982 the stewards held an inquiry which the plaintiff attended and decided that he had had in his charge a greyhound which on examination showed a presence in its tissues of substances which would affect its performance. They suspended his trainer's licence for six months. The plaintiff had challenged that decision in his summons.

In his Lordship's judgment such powers as the stewards had to suspend the plaintiff's licence were derived from a contract between him and the NGRC. That was so for *all* who took part in greyhound racing in stadia licensed by the NGRC.

A stewards' inquiry under the NGRC *rules of racing* concerned only those who voluntarily submitted *themselves to the stewards'* jurisdiction. There was no public element in the jurisdiction itself.

Consequences affecting the public generally could flow from the decisions of many domestic tribunals. In the past the courts had always refused to use the order of certiorari to review the decision of such tribunals since their authority was derived solely from contract, by agreement of the parties concerned: see *per* Lord Parker, Lord Chief Justice, in *R v Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, Ex parte Lain* ([1967] 2 QB864, 882).

Before the Supreme Court Act 1981 was passed Mr Henderson had accepted that anyone aggrieved by a decision of a domestic tribunal could only proceed by way of a claim for damages or for relief by way of a declaration or an injunction. The old case of *The King v Benchers of Lincoln's Inn* ((1825) 4B and C855) was no authority to the contrary.

Mr Henderson had submitted however that section 31 of the Supreme Court Act 1981 had given the court jurisdiction to entertain judicial review of the proceedings of a domestic tribunal if, as in the present case, those proceedings were likely to have consequences affecting the public generally. He based his submission upon the use of the word "shall" in section 31(1) and the terms of subsection (2) of the Act.

His Lordship could not accept Mr Henderson's submissions. The purpose of section 31 was to regulate procedure in relation to judicial reviews, not to extend the jurisdiction of the court. It put into statutory language, with modifications, what was in Order 53 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. Order 53 did not purport to enlarge the *jurisdiction of the court so as to* enable it to review the decisions of *domestic tribunals*.

He agreed with what Mr Justice Woolf said in *R v British Broadcasting Corporation, Ex parte Lavelle* ([1983] 1 WLR 23) that there was nothing in Order 53, rule 1 or section 31 of the 1981 Act which expressly extended the circumstances in which the prerogative orders of mandamus, prohibition or certiorari were available. Those remedies were not previously available to enforce private rights but were public law remedies.

He said that although applications for judicial review were not confined to those cases where relief could be granted by way of prerogative order, he regarded the wording of Order 53, rule 1 and section 31(2) of the 1981 Act as making it clear that the application for judicial review was confined to reviewing activitities of a public nature as opposed to those of a *purely private* or domestic character.

His Lordship agreed with Mr Justice Woolf. Support for what he said was implicit in two decisions of the House of Lords, *O'Reilly v Mackman* ([1982] 3 WLR 1096) and *Cocks v Thanet District Council* ([1982] 1 WLR 1121). He would dismiss the appeal.

LORD JUSTICE FOX, *agreeing*, said that the authority of the stewards to suspend the licence of the plaintiff derived wholly from a contract between the plaintiff and the NGRC. He saw nothing to suggest that the NGRC had rights or duties relating to members of the public as such.

What the NGRC did in relation to the control of greyhound racing might affect a section of the public but their powers in relation to the matters with which the present case was concerned were contractual.

Apart from the alteration of the Rules of the Supreme Court in 1978 and the provisions of the Supreme Court Act 1981 the prerogative orders would not lie to a tribunal set up by the NGRC because the powers of the tribunal derived from contract only.

As to the effect produced by the amendments to the Rules of Court and by the 1981 Act, it seemed to his Lordship that the power under Order 53 to grant an injunction or to make a declaration was only exerciseable in cases where, previously to the change in the rules, the applicant could have obtained a prerogative order, and the remedy was in the realm of public law only.

His Lordship saw nothing in the Supreme Court Act 1981 which suggested any *parliamentary intention* to extend the scope of the *prerogative orders. He agreed that* the appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Slade delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Bristows, Cooke & Carpmael; Mitchell Williams, Southend-on-Sea.

MARKET REPORT

Shares touch new peak

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began, Aug 15. Dealings end, Sept 2. Contango Day, Sept 5. Settlement Day, Sept 12.

The stock market opened at a new peak yesterday, at 735.2 on the *FT* 30 share index, beating Monday's level by 2.4 points, but the failure of American markets to follow suit yesterday evening brought in profit-takers and by the close the index was unchanged at 732.8.

Once again it was left to company news and speculative bids to provide the day's interest. Better-than-expected profits from **Unilever** and **Royal Insurance** gave leading equities a good fillip and were if not for the fact that many of the *FT* 30 share constituents are trading ex-dividend the new peak could have been sustained.

Unilever closed 45p to the good at 795p while **Royal** firmed 23p to 556p in sympathy. That gave other leading insurance shares, particularly life companies, a boost of 10p on average.

The lack of US buying follow-through from Friday and Monday caused **ICI** to drop 6p to 542p and **Glaxo**, now 20 per cent US-owned, at 839p lost most of Monday's 30p gain.

The warm weather brought buyers into breweries where **Bass** firmed 11p to 335p while in stronger stores **Sainsbury** was 13p to the good at 403p.

Yesterday's star performer, the gilts sector, lacked any follow-through and prices were generally ⅛ to ¼ lower.

Oil shares were once again the busiest sector. Monday's glamour rating. **Atlantic Resources** fell 20p to 457p while **Eglington** fell 35p to 275p.

The old takeover chestnuts were once again being revived. **English China Clays** jumped 12p to 216p on bid hopes. **Ladbroke** executives denied building up a stake in **Riley Leisure**, still holding a 15p gain at 196p, as a prerequisite to a bid.

The big stake sale by **Sterling Guarantee** of its 4 per cent **BET** holding dampened bid hopes there. BET fell 7p to 258p. Sterling Guarantee, still trading as Town and City, held the new 45p peak.

P & O was still attracting buyers on hopes of a merger with Sterling Guarantee. It was 2p better at 218p.

Stock shortages in secondary equities caused all kinds of price distortions. **Ellen Road Mills** jumped 34p to 75p on speculative hopes, but the directors knew of no reason for the jump.

In the USM sector **Bio Isolates** was up 17p to 206p while **Renishaw** at 245p held a 30p jump this week. Both gains struck in an attempt to pull in sellers.

Helene of London, Which is subject to regular bouts of takeover speculation, firmed another couple of pence to 25p on rumours that it is about to announce a rights issue to fund an acquisition. A tie-up with store group **Bambers** was being mooted.

Saxon Oil, with North Sea interests, looks to be turning into the sector's favourite takeover hope. Having fought off Clyde Petroleum, company sources said that a bid of 350p from Carnegie has just been rejected. Saxon Oil has run up from 188p over the last few weeks and steadied at 230p. More action is expected.

Brae field oil find boosted **Hamilton** 9p to 224p which stimulated interest in **Sun Oil** at 265p. **Lasmo** at 396p and **Sovereign** at 292p, all 10p to 35p better.

In contrast, Irish oil explorers lost some of their recent

The minority shareholders of BL must be enjoying the current strength of the shares which closed 6p better at 68p yesterday having touched 80p on Monday. The main idea behind the firmness is that they will receive preference on any privatization of Unipart or Jaguar. Another important consideration is the big discount they get on any new car purchase.

The market has drawn a long list of counter bidders against **Norcros** for **UBM**. This, and the prospect of a strong defence against Norcros's 107p offer pushed UBM shares 4p higher to 123p. Names range from **Ready Mixed Concrete** to **Hanson Trust**. The offer document from Norcros is expected early next week.

Racal was unchanged at 484p after yesterday's annual meeting. The chairman, Sir Ernest Harrison, said that the **Racal-Milgo Data Communications** operation would show a distinct improvement this year after a disappointing performance last year. Analysts expect these factors to combine with reduced interest charges to produce a pretax profit in the present year of about £140m against £114m last time.

The civil engineering company, **Whessoe** is attracting some very important stakeholders. Hard on the heels of Sir Robert McAlpine's private investment company **Newarthill's** 16 per cent stake comes **Angling Securities**, which has bought another 50,000 shares, taking its stake to 500,000 shares or 9.4 per cent.

BRITISH FUNDS

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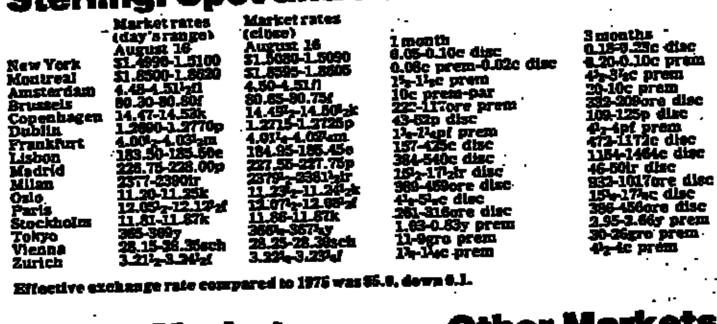
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Sterling: Spot and Forward

	Market rates (day's range) August 16	Market rates (close) August 16	1 month	3 months
New York	$1.4990-1.5100	$1.5080-1.5090	0.05-0.10c disc	0.15-0.25c disc
Montreal	$1.8500-1.8620	$1.8595-1.8605	0.08c prem-0.02c disc	0.20-0.10c prem
Amsterdam	4.48-4.51½fl	4.50-4.51fl	1¼-1⅛c prem	4½-3¾c prem
Brussels	80.30-80.80f	80.65-80.75f	10c prem-par	20-10c prem
Copenhagen	14.47-14.53k	14.49½-14.50½k	222-117ore prem	332-209ore disc
Dublin	1.2690-1.2770p	1.2715-1.2725p	43-52p disc	109-125p disc
Frankfurt	4.00¾-4.03½m	4.01¾-4.02¾m	1⅜-1¼pf prem	4½-4pf prem
Lisbon	183.50-185.50e	184.95-185.45e	157-425c disc	472-1172c disc
Madrid	226.75-228.00p	227.55-227.75p	384-540c disc	1154-1464c disc
Milan	2377-2390lr	2379½-2381½lr	15½-17½lr disc	46-50lr disc
Oslo	11.20-11.25k	11.23½-11.24½k	388-450ore disc	932-1017ore disc
Paris	12.05½-12.12½f	12.07½-12.08½f	4½-5¼c disc	15¾-17¾c disc
Stockholm	11.81-11.87k	11.86-11.87k	261-318ore disc	386-456ore disc
Tokyo	365-369y	366¾-367¾y	1.03-0.53y prem	2.95-2.65y prem
Vienna	28.15-28.35sch	28.25-28.30sch	11-9gro prem	30-26gro prem
Zurich	3.21½-3.24½f	3.22¾-3.23¾f	1½-1¼c prem	4½-4c prem

Effective exchange rate compared to 1975 was 85.0, down 0.1.

Money Market Rates

Clearing Banks Base Rate 9½%

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 9½ Low 7½

Week Fixed: 9

Other Markets

Australia	1.7060-1.7219
Bahrein	0.5645-0.5675
Finland	8.5860-8.6260
Greece	132.80-134.80
Hongkong	11.1810-11.2210
Iran	n.a.
Kuwait	0.4380-0.4410
Malaysia	3.7220-3.7820
Mexico	210-235
New Zealand	2.2950-2.3150
Saudi Arabia	5.2105-5.2405
Singapore	3.2005-3.2305
South Africa	1.6740-1.6890

Dollar Spot Rates

Euro-$ Deposits

Gold



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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 732.8 unchanged
FT Gilts: 79.73 down 0.16
FT All Share: 463.74 up 0.4.
Bargains: 23,456
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 103.01 up 1.07
New York: Dow Jones Average 1,192.89 down 0.61
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 9,019.07 down 1.23
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,037.72 down 9.52
Amsterdam: 151.2 down 0.5
Sydney: AO Index 680.8 up 7.4
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 954.8 up 1.5
Brussels: General Index 131.17 up 1.16
Paris: CAC Index market closed
Zurich: SKA General 294.0 down 0.7

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling $1.5085 up 1.60 cents
Index 85.0 down 0.1
DM 4.0175 down 0.0325
FrF 12.08 down 0.925
Yen 367.25 down 1.50
Dollar
Index 128.5
DM 2.6635
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling $1.5080
INTERNATIONAL
ECU£0.564871
SDR£0.700537

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates $9\frac{1}{2}$
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week fixed 9
3 month interbank $9\frac{15}{16}$-$9\frac{13}{16}$
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar $10\frac{3}{16}$-$10\frac{5}{16}$
3 month DM $5\frac{5}{8}$-$5\frac{1}{2}$
3 month Fr F$15\frac{3}{8}$-$15\frac{1}{8}$
US rates
Bank prime rate 11.00
Fed funds $9\frac{1}{2}$.
Treasury long bond $102\frac{1}{2}$-$102\frac{5}{8}$
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period July 6 to August 2, 1983 inclusive: 9.989 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce): am $419.75 pm $420.50 close $422.25-$423 (£280.50-282) up $4.
New York: $420.50
Krugerrand* (per coin): $435-436.50 (£289-290)
Sovereigns* (new): $98.50-$99.50 (£65.50-66.25)
*Excludes VAT

ANNUAL MEETINGS

Bulgin Group, Bypass Road, Barking, Essex (3.00).
Charles Hill, Park Hall Hotel, Goldthorn Park, Wolverhampton (noon).
Mountview Estates, Regent Palace Hotel, Piccadilly Circus, W1 (noon).
Unilock Holdings, Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate Place, EC2 (3.00).

TODAY

Interims: Gaskell Broadloom, Derek Bryant Group, Glanfield Lawence, Horizon Travel, Olives Paper Mill, Phicom, Southend Stadium.
Finals: Calcutta Electric Supply (India), ML Hldgs., Scottish English and European Textiles, Victor Products.
Economic statistics: U.K. Gross domestic product – Output based (second quarter). Incices of average earnings (June). Indices of basic rates of wages (July).

NOTEBOOK

While awaiting a response from BHP to Mr Robert Holmes à Court's bid, the markets have begun to assess the reasons for the offer. A small percentage of BHP shares would transform Wigmores into a takeover vehicle.

Unilever did better than expected in the second quarter and the shares jumped 45p to 795p. Full-year profits could be comfortably ahead of 1982. But the West African market is still troubled

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● **John Waddington,** manufacturer of *Monopoly,* yesterday stepped up its defence against the £18m takeover attempt by British Printing & Communication Corporation with news of property deals worth £1.1m to counter BPCC's £20m plan to redevelop the former Odhams printing plant site at Watford.

● **ICI** is to spend £35m expanding its Melinex polyester film factory in Dumfries. The project will create 250 jobs during construction and 100 production jobs once the building is completed in two years.

New structure will make management task easier

Citibank and Lloyds in surprise deal over Grindlays ownership

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank and Citibak have agreed after years of fruitless discussion on proposals to sort out the tangled, restricting ownership structure of Grindlays Bank in which they both have a large stake.

The agreement will leave Citibank in a dominant position controlling 48.6 per cent of the publicly-quoted Grindlays Holdings, which in turn will own all of Grindlays Bank. Lloyds will have 21.3 per cent.

Citibank will be fully committed to expanding Grindlays as an independent bank.

Under the present structure, Grindlays Bank is 49 per cent owned by Citibank and 51 per cent by Grindlays holdings . . . which in turn is 41.4 per cent owned by Lloyds.

The nature of the shareholding reorganization came as a surprise because it was well known for some time that Citibank had been looking to sell its stake. It was widely expected that Lloyds would emerge as the dominant shareholder.

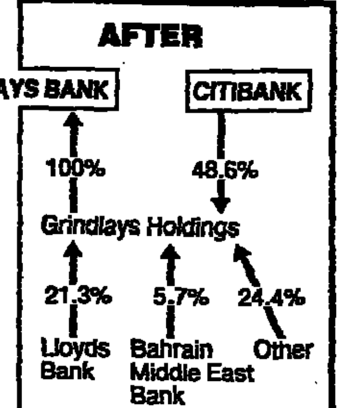
So Citibank *appears to have* recently reassessed its position.

The new scheme, which has to be passed by Grindlays Holdings' shareholders at an extraordinary meeting, has the approval of the Bank of England, and the Takeover Panel is expected to waive any obligation for Citibank to make a full bid.

Shareholders in Grindlays Holdings are also being compensated with a 5.6p special dividend in recognition of the advantage Citibank is drawing from the proposals.

The scheme came at an important moment for Grindlays, *which has undergone a* long haul recovering from problems brought on by the secondary bamking and property crisis in the mid-1970s.

In the last year or so it has made several big disposals as part of a move to realign its business, but the shareholding



structure has long been recognized as unsatisfactory.

Mr Alec Ritchie, deputy chairman, who will now be taking over as chairman from *Mr Nigel Robson, said yesterday:* "It's a new era for the bank." *He* said that Grindlays would now be able to move forward.

Citibank said that it has no intention of raising its stake in Grindlays. Mr Glen Moreno, senior corporate officer for Europe, said: "We view Grindlays as an independent bank and want to see it prosper as an investment."

Citibank will not consolidate *Grindlay's results or treat it as* part of its worldwide banking operations.

Mr Norman Jones, group chief executive of Lloyds Bank, said that the old shareholding structure had *been a "kind of* veto situation and nobody was really happy." He said that the proposals made sense and were in the interests of the bank.

Shares in Grindlays Holdings which were recently at 207*p on* takeover rumours, rose 23p yesterday to close at 182p.

City analysts have remained puzzled about the bank's strategic direction. With only one big shareholder, the task of management is expected to be easier. It will also be easier, if Grindlays thinks it necessary, to raise fresh capital through a rights issue.

Grindlays had total assets of £308m at the end of 1982 and profits last year were £29m compared with £34.5m in 1981.

Last year, it raised nearly *£90m by selling its Hongkong* subsidiary, Doa Heng, and its *small stake in the National* Bank of Dubai.

Grindlays *developed in the* days of the Empire as a British bank operating overseas

City Editor's Comment

A Polish lesson for the bankers

Western bankers and Polish officials met in Vienna yesterday in yet another of the seemingly interminable rounds of talks aimed at rescheduling the country's ***massive debts.***

According to bankers in London this meeting is one of the most important of the season – which may or may not turn out to be the case. But what is apparent is that the banks are beginning to be a bit more realistic, or perhaps pessimistic, about the how and when they are going to get their money back.

A key shift in their position ***is*** **that they are now willing to consider a rescheduling programme which stretches over 10 years whereas in the past the longest** ***extension*** **they have been prepared to** ***tolerate has been just over*** **seven years.**

They have **made this concession, not through any particular altruism, but rather because they have come to accept that Poland's case is so grave there is virtually no chance of getting their money back earlier whatever deal they strike with the Polish authorities. But whatever the dubions origins of this change of heart it is not** ***only welcome but deserves*** **a wider application.**

The danger inherent in **most of the debt talks with countries other than Poland is that the banks are still insisting on hammering out terms which are so strict that they do not solve the problem so much as put it off for a few years. Short-***term agreements may look* **better from the point of** ***view of the banks' balance*** **sheets, but they often mean that the countries will face a repayment bill in the late 1980s which they have virtually no chance of meeting. So the crisis could erupt again then.**

The real need, therefore, is for the central banks and agencies like the Inter-*national Monetary Fund to* **accept the need to take a longer-term view. There are and increasing number of such schemes in blueprint, but what is now needed is for them to be given some impetus so that they actually** ***are put into effect.***

Perhaps, therefore, the ***more realistic view being*** **taken of Poland's problems is** ***the*** **most hopeful sign of progress in the debt crisis**

Privatizing information

The institute of directors is pressing again for the information storage and search facilities of the Companies Registration Office to be offered out to the ***private sector***

The previous, and much ***more ambitious privatiza-*** **tion scheme put forward by Dr Gerard Vaughan, then minister for consumer affairs, was not welcomed by MPs**

The institute is more confident of a warm welcome from the new Tory MPs

The ability of the public to check on facts and figures of Britain's 900,000 registered companies is a vital part of the system by which the United Kindom controls corporate behaviour.

For the institute to desire ***improved efficiency by in-*** **troducing commerical** ***pressure on the system is*** **laudable. But its current push seems more an attempt to pre-empt a study which** ***may lead to*** **companies registration becoming a quango.**

The statutory functions of the Registrar of Com-*panies would of course,* **remain with the department. It** ***would chase de-*** **faulters and take court action where necessary. It would leave the storage and search functions to be contracted out.**

The question of whether information is kept by the state or a private body, ***should centre on companies*** **registering their accounts** ***and returns on time.*** **At present, most are late.**

£50m profit for Royal Insurance

By Andrew Cornelius

Royal insurance yesterday reported a sharp increase in interim pretax profits but underlined the importance of a recovery in the US insurance market to the company's fortunes.

Pretax profits in the six months to June 30 totalled £50.1m against £32m at the same stage last year. But increase in *investment* income from £115.4m to £135.4m helped *mask* the problems in the US market which led to another increase *in* underwriting losses. The losses grew from last year's *record level of £94m to £99.3m* this time, with US losses up *from £50.8m to £72.5m.*

Mr John Howard, chief *general manager, says that* the US is still the main problem area where 41 per cent of Royal's non-life business is *transacted. It is also the* area which offers most room for *improvment in the group in the* short term, he says.

As yet there is little evidence of any recovery in the US market, but Royal *is hoping* that its action to increase prices and turn away bad business will lead to better results by the end of this year.

The key to United States *recovery is an improvement* in the economy which will help the three main problem lines of business: commercial risks, and commercial and personal motor business. Stagnant growth in United States premium income will be corrected by the aquisition of at least one United States insurance company over the next few months.

In the United Kingdom premium volume increased by 6 per cent to contribute towards an increase in total group premium income from £867m to *£968.3m* this time. The United Kingdom results benefited from better weather and a hardening of commercial rates. No further rate increases are envisaged for motor or household lines, *despite* a 37 per cent increase in theft claims in the first quarter of the year.

The improvement in the *Canadian* underwriting performance continued with losses *cut from £11.1m to £2.8m.* Australia also recovered in the *second quarter*

Royal Life contributed £8.2m *to profits, against £6.6m.* A 350 per cent increase in United Kingdom ordinary life business will be reflected in future profits.

Royal Insurance
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £50.1m (£32m)
Underwriting balance £99.3m loss £94m loss
Investment income £135.4m £115.4m
Premium income £968.3 £867m
Net interim/dividend 10.5p (10p)
Share price 556p, up 23p
Dividend payable 4.1.84

Woltz: flat is "not very big"

£325,000 flat for LRC chief

By Vivien Goldsmith

LRC International yesterday disclosed that it has spent £325,000 on a luxury three-bedroom flat for its chief executive, Mr Alan Woltz.

The company, whose interests range from rubber gloves to contraceptives and ***baby*** **gripe water, are adamant that the money was well spent.**

The finance director, Mr Paul ***Bristow, said that the flat,*** **which is held on a 66-year lease,** ***should increase in value.*** **"We expect Mr Woltz, who is 50, to** ***remain our chief executive until*** **he retires in 10 years. One could** ***buy a flat for much less but it*** **would be on a short lease and it** ***would fall in value."***

The purchase price of the flat, ***in the West End of London,*** **accounted for between two-thirds and three-quartes** ***of*** **the total cost: the rest was spent on redecoration and legal fees.**

Mr Woltz has his own home in New York. Last year, LRC paid £26,214 for his rented London home.

Mr Bristow said that he did not expect any reaction from shareholders. "We did look at the Marks and Spencer reaction. But that case was quite different. They didn't tell the shareholders, and the directors had an interest in the property. Mr Woltz has no option to buy."

Mr Woltz is paid in dollars. His salary rose last year from $203,675 to $231,461.

Mr Bristow said that the purchase of the property was mentioned ***in*** **the accounts so that shareholders would be fully aware of what was happening.**

World speculators drop the dollar

By Wayne Lintott

The dollar weakened sharply against other leading currencies yesterday as speculative funds left it now that hopes for higher American interest rates have receded.

The lower-than-expected rise in the US money supply and a slowdown in the growth rate of the country's economy caused widespread markdowns of the dollars international value.

The dollar fell 1.5 cents to *1.5060* against the pound, more than five pfennigs against the Deutschemark to *2.6635* and three centimes against the Swiss franc to 2.1435.

Ironically, it was the big currency futures market in Chicago which started the selling when it opened for trading at 2pm London time. Earlier, European action against the dollar had been easily absorbed.

Monday's booming stock market action in London proved short-lived yesterday. The market opened higher but the failure of American markets to follow suit caused some hefty profit-taking and by the close the *FT* index was unchanged at 732.8.

Gilt-edged stock led Mon-*day's climb but prices* slipped by up to 50p yesterday as US *bond markets* held steady,

Tace sell-off to raise £3m

Tace is to float off its high technology subsidiary, Goring Kerr, with a full listing on the stock market which will raise about £3m by way of a tender offer. The cash will pay off Tace's high borrowings and provide research and development funds.

Tace's general manager, Mr Richard Richardson, also confirmed that Tace's profits this year will be substantially greater than last year's £413,000.

But Tace's shareholders will get no preferential treatment if they subscribe for the Gorign Kerr shares. London and Northern are big shareholders with 30 per cent.

Latin American oil threat

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The Latin American oil countries are believed to be setting up an oil-exporting group which could threaten the present *stability* of world oil prices.

Oil-producing countries in Central and South America are about to ratify a plan discussed this month to coordinate their oil production and pricing policies, according to Mr David Mizrahi, an oil industry analyst in New York.

The new grouping is being promoted by the Latin American Organization for Energy and is being regarded within the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries as a short-term threat to price stability.

Venezuela and Ecuador, which are Opec members, and Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago together produce 5 million barrels of oil a day and account for 10 per cent of world output. Venezuela and Ecuador are not satisfied that their output and prices are *tied within* Opec agreements and are anxious to step up production.

With large populations and heavy overseas borrowing, the Latin American oil-producers *argue that they are in a different* position from the Arab oil states and need to maximize their short-term profits from oil.

Opec output is now 1 million barrels above the 17.5 million barrels-a-day *quota*

The Latin American producers *feel that they should be* allowed to take advantage of the expected upsurge in demand.

Output rises but shares falter

Washington (Reuter) US industrail production rose a seasonally adjusted 1.8 per cent in July, the Federal Reserve Board said.

The July performance reflected improvements throughout most of *the* industries. Gains were especially strong in cars and steel, *according to the* Fed.

On Wall Street the Dow Jones indnstrial average was *down* about 1.5 points in moderate trading yesterday. It

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fell about 4 points in early dealings but recovered to show a fractional gain before turning back.

International Business Machines was $121\frac{5}{8}$, up $1\frac{1}{4}$; **US Steel** $26\frac{3}{8}$, up $\frac{3}{8}$; **United Technologies** $69\frac{1}{4}$, up $\frac{3}{4}$; **Dupont** 49, up $\frac{1}{2}$; **Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing** $78\frac{1}{8}$, down $\frac{1}{2}$; **General Electric** $49\frac{1}{8}$, down $\frac{5}{8}$; **General Motors** $69\frac{1}{4}$, up $\frac{1}{8}$; **Mobil** $31\frac{3}{8}$, up $\frac{3}{8}$.

NCR was down $3\frac{1}{8}$ to $114\frac{1}{2}$; **Hewlett Packard** down $1\frac{7}{8}$ to $82\frac{5}{8}$; **Northwest Air** down $1\frac{1}{4}$ a $3\frac{1}{8}$; **Tandy** down $2\frac{5}{8}$ to $40\frac{1}{4}$; **Rolm** down $1\frac{1}{2}$ at $63\frac{1}{2}$; **Hazeltine** up 3 at $29\frac{1}{2}$; **National Semiconductor** down $1\frac{3}{4}$ $46\frac{1}{2}$; **Caterpillar** *down* $1\frac{1}{8}$ *to* $38\frac{3}{4}$; **Bandag** up 1 at $55\frac{3}{4}$; **Halliburton** *up* $\frac{1}{8}$ at $44\frac{3}{8}$; **PG Industries** down $\frac{1}{4}$ to $58\frac{3}{4}$.

Associated Dry Goods was up 2 at $66\frac{1}{4}$.

Decline in US harvest

Grain trade outlook improves

By John Young, Agricultural Correspondent

The international grain market, which until recently was characterized by huge surpluses and depressed prices, is showing signs of a marked and rapid *improvement* for sellers.

The main reason is a sharp *fall in coarse grain and* oilseed production in the US because of a *combination of hot dry* weather, which has drastically reduced yields, and the Administration's payment-in-kind programme, whereby *farmers* are offered grain from storage to sell on the market *in return for* agreeing not to plant crops this year.

The US Department of Agriculture has forecast a 40 per cent decline in maize production, to the lowest *level for* nine years, and falls of 14 per cent and *19 per cent for wheat* and soya respectively. The Chicago market *has* responded with corresponding price rises of 25 per cent, 10 per cent and 30 per cent in the last month alone.

The department has also estimated that world production of coarse grains – maize, barley and feedgrains – will fall from 779.6 million tonnes in 1982-83 to 716.3 million tonnes in 1983-84. Carryover stocks are expected to decrease from 147.2 million tonnes to 90.7 million tonnes.

According to the European Commission, EEC's barley production is likely to be down from 41 *million* to 35.7 *million* tonnes in the same period. This *will cetainly relieve the Commission of a substantial burden in export refunds to producers* – quantities being offered for *intervention storage* are currently running at less than half *last year's* level.

It may even mean a shortage of malting barley and the possibility of imports from Australia or Canada.

Although world wheat production is expected to be almost the same as *last* year, and consumption expected to decline slightly, its price is clearly being affected by what is happening in the rest of the market. High prices for imported soya, for example, will lead to increased demand for feed-wheat from European producers.

The market would, of course, *soar still further if the Russians* or East Europeans were to emerge as *substantial* purchasers. At present the Soviet harvest is expected to be reasonably good but, as one *observer pointed out yesterday,* this would hardly be the best *time for them to declare their* hand.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Fleming Japan Investment Trust
Year to 31.7.83
Attributable profit £588,000 (£1.1m)
Stated earnings 3.8p (7.39p)
Income £1.4m (£1.8m
Net interim dividend 0.5p
Share price 358p unchanged Yield: 2.8%

Anglo International Investment Trust
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £322,000 (£324,000)
Net interim dividend 2.5p (same)

Metal Bulletin
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £326,000 (£381,000)
Stated earnings 3.6p (4.2p)
Turnover £2.1m (£2.1m)
Net interim dividend 2.2p (same)

Pitney Bowes
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £2.6m (£2.3m)
Turnover £21.2m (£18.7m)

Abercom Group
Year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit (£5.6m (R23.5m)
Turnover R14.3m (£8.4m) (R29.2m)
Net final dividend 16 cents (36 cents)

Heelamat Holdings
Year to 30.4.83
Pretax profit £401,000 (383,000)
Stated earnings 9p (12.8p)
Turnover £5.3m (£4.8m)
Net total dividend 5.6p (same)
Share price 74p up 6p. Yield: 10.8%

Restmor Group
Year to 30.4.83
Pretax profit £1.5m (£1.3m)
Stated earnings 14.93p (15.7p)
Turnover £12.9m (£11.4m)
Net final dividend 5.5p making 6.5p (5.5p)
Share price 131p up 1p Yield: 6.5%

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Michael Prest

Why Holmes à Court's bid is a serious one

It is undoubtedly one of Mr Robert Holmes à Court's more agreeable characteristics that he has lost none of his capacity to surprise. But the distinctly cheeky bid for Broken Hill Proprietary is not a diversion contrived over the weekend between taking control of the instantly famous Wigmores and offering two of its shares at A$6 each for every one BHP.

The idea was conceived a decade ago, when Mr Holmes à Court contemplated using Albion Woolen Mills for the purpose, and it is entirely serious.

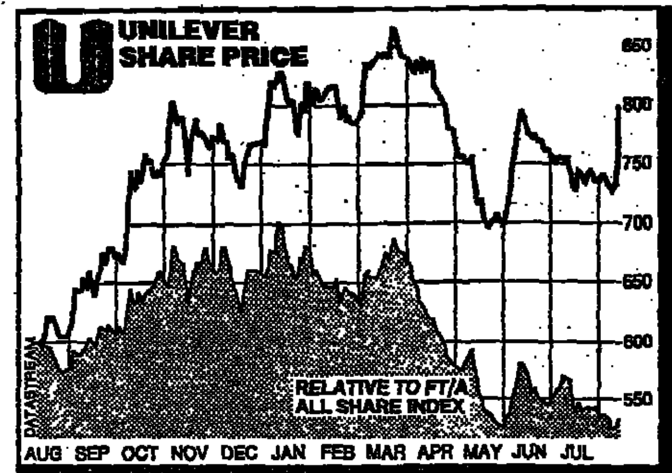
Firstly, however, it is important to be clear about what Mr Holmes à Court is not doing. He does not expect to take over BHP – indeed, success in that direction could be embarrassing – and he does not hold BHP shares whose value he is just promoting. The truth is more complicated and more constructive.

Mr Holmes à Court aims to increase cheaply and at a stroke the fund-raising powers of his interests. If all went to plan it could work like this: acquiring 5 r cent of BHP's equity or 17 million shares would turn Wigmores into a company with A$260m (£154m) in assets and liabilities of A$18m, while the number of issued Wigmores shares would go up to 41 million and shareholders' funds to A$242. Supported by the BHP shares, which are almost as good as cash in Australia, Wigmores could raise A$200m to add to the A$200m credit line available to the Bell Group, Mr Holmes à Court would then search for a real takeover.

In the event, Wigmores will be lucky to receive 5 per cent in acceptances. Possibly that is just as well because the company can only fund dividends on up to 4 per cent from internal resources. A 1 per cent acceptance would be equivalent to a fully-priced rights issue.

More should be known next week when the offer goes out to BHP shareholders, who will have a month to decide. BHP shares rose yesterday to within a whisker of the Wigmores offer price. But the assumption underlying the strategy is that enough of BHP's 178,000 shareholders will be enticed by the thought of Wigmores – probably stripped of the Caterpillar franchise – becoming a takeover vehicle.

They may remember that the capitalization of the Bell Group has risen from A$160,000 a decade ago to A$500m today. The surprises are not over.



Unilever

Half-year to 30.6.83.
Pretax profit £391m (394m).
Stated earnings 50.61p (54.11p).
Turnover £6,680m (£6,528).
Share price 795p Yield 5.2%.

Swings and roundabouts are never motionless at Unilever, so the problems of West Africa and continued slow growth in European sales did not stop the consumer products group from slightly exceeding expectations.

Second quarter sales were 3 per cent higher at £3,400m, while pretax profits for the same period rose by twice as much to £228m.

By almost making up for a poor first quarter, Unilever has encouraged hopes that full-year pretax profits could be as high as £770m against £723m last year.

Overall, the progress has been achieved, externally, by better conditions, which generated higher volumes and wider margins, and internally by continued attention to productivity and reorganization.

Reconstruction costs of about £15m were offset by the sale to BAT of the International Stores stake.

On the products side, frozen foods showed little progress, with ice-cream sales sluggish. But margins were better on other foods, with Walls trading in the black and John West improving.

The new range of Thomas Lipton teas launched in Britain has flopped and is being reviewed, but Lipton Export increased sales, particularly to the Middle and Far East.

Detergents have held their market share, despite the fierce competition, and sales and market share of personal products are up ½. The industrial companies were dragged down by problems with the transport businesses, but chemicals are recovering. Paper only broke even.

Lever Brothers and National Starch are profitable in the United States, although a new Lever product launch could push it back into the red for one quarter.

Gilts

After its biggest one-day gain for nearly three months on Monday, the gilt-edged market was still a hive of activity yesterday. But the emphasis was more on switching and on clearing the decks for today's new, £800m tap.

The Bank of England's gamble on good US money-supply figures helping to rally the market seems to have paid off. Expectations of at least a respite in the rise in American interest rates have fuelled investors' interests in bond markets. There are also signs that the building societies, now attracting more funds since they increased their rates, have been preparing to apply for the new stock–

The tap, 10 per cent, Treasury convertible, 1986, is still rather dear as a long, but was looking about £⅛ cheap as a short yesterday and this should ensure a fairly good reception for the stock at today's tender.

The question now is whether the market is set for a sustained rally. Certainly, the upward pressure on British interest rates seems to have eased, and with inflation likely to remain moderate, yields approaching 12 per cent the long end of the gilts market are looking attractive.

● *International Investment Trust of Jersey has declared its offer for Crosby House, the freight, forwarding and container storage group, unconditional as to acceptances. It has received acceptances for nearly 1m ordinary shares, of 87.9 per cent of the issued share capital not already owned by it.*

Toys save Cowan de Groot

By Jeremy Warner

Cowan de Groot
Year to 30.4.83.
Pretax profit £224,000 (£136,000).
Turnover £29.4m (£40.9m).
Net final dividend 1p making 2p (same).
Share price 29p up 1p. Yield 9.9%.

Cowan de Groot's offshoot, Dekker, which makes spiderman suits and Wendy Houses, made profits of about £700,000 last year, but the rest of the group lost money.

The result was that the group made only £224,000 in pretax profits during the year to last April, in the second half barely braking even. The profits were struck after taking account of £439,000 of losses chalked up by its Chilton and Hartfield Machinery interests, which have since been sold.

After extraordinary costs relating to the disposals and tax, the group lost £513,000 and will have to dig deep into reserves to pay a maintained final dividend of 1p.

However, better is expected this year when it expects to make at least enough profit to pay for dividends that have been costing more than £400,000 a year. Mr Derrick Cowan, the chairman, says that the group has a target of restoring its former higher-dividend level on a fully-covered basis next year.

The company is soon to appoint a chief executive for the first time. Mr Cowan and Mr Isadore Williams have been acting as joint managing directors. Mr Cowan will remain as chairman and Mr Williams will stay on the board until September 1984.

Mr Laurence Roberts has recently been appointed a director to seek new areas of operation.

Mr Roy Moss, managing director of Decker, has also been appointed to the board.

Intasun rise

Intasun Leisure Group's chairman, Mr Harry Goodman, yesterday confirmed at the group's annual meeting what trade surveys have been showing for a few months that Intasun is one of the two package holiday companies gaining in this summer's trading. Intasun summer trading up to August 6 rose 27 per cent over the same period last year.

Thomson Holidays which cut its prices also gained.

Royal Insurance

Estimated Half Year Results for 1983 and Interim Dividend

	6 months to 30 June 1983	6 months to 30 June 1982	Year 1982
	(unaudited)	(unaudited)	(audited)
	£m	£m	£m
General Insurance:			
Premiums Written	968.3	867.0	1,700.2
Underwriting Balance	−99.3	−94.0	−166.1
Investment Income allocated to General Insurance operations	96.8	89.0	180.8
General Insurance Result	−2.5	−5.0	14.7
Long-term Insurance Profit	8.2	6.6	13.6
Investment Income attributable to Capital and Reserves	38.6	26.4	60.5
Share of Associated Companies' Profits	5.8	4.0	7.7
Profit before Taxation	50.1	32.0	96.5
Less Taxation	10.3	0.2	22.6
Minority Interests	0.2	0.3	1.0
Net Profit attributable to the Shareholders	39.6	31.5	72.9
(Pence per share)	(21.0p)	(16.7p)	(38.7p)
Capital and Reserves	£1,368m	£836m	£1,225m

Exchange Rates
Foreign currencies have been translated according to our normal practice at approximately the average rates of exchange ruling during the period. The principal rates were: —

USA	$1.54	$1.81	$1.75
Canada	$1.89	$2.22	$2.15
Australia	$1.70	$1.70	$1.72
Netherlands	Fls4.21	Fls4.72	Fls4.66

Changes in exchange rates adversely affected the underwriting balance by £10.7m and benefited the total investment income by £12.4m.

Interim Dividend
The directors have declared an interim dividend of 10.50p per 25p share compared with 10.00p in 1982. The dividend will be payable on 4th January 1984 to shareholders registered at the close of business on 30th November 1983 and will cost £19.8m (1982 interim dividend £18.9m). The total dividend for 1982 was 26.50p per share.

Investment Income
Total investment income of £135.4m increased in sterling terms by 17¼%; allowing for changes in the rates of exchange the growth was around 7%. Because of the sharp rise in stock market prices since the first half of last year, a reduced portfolio of securities is needed to cover insurance liabilities, the balance freed being credited to capital and reserves. As a direct consequence of this, the investment income allocated to general insurance operations is reduced by some £8m; a corresponding amount is included in the investment income on the capital and reserves.

Royal Life Insurance
During the first half of the year new annual premiums written by Royal Life increased by 163% to £32.2m and new single premiums increased by 136% to £39.4m. The significant rise in annual premiums was largely the result of a substantial increase in endowment mortgage business following the introduction of a new system of crediting tax relief on mortgage interest (MIRAS). Sales of unit-linked business have been very satisfactory following Royal Life's entry into this market in 1982. The long-term insurance profit of £8.2m (£6.6m) represents half of the estimated contribution for the whole year.

General Insurance
Premium income rose by 11.7% in sterling; allowing for the effect of currency changes, the increase was 2%. Details for the individual operating companies are as follows: —

In the **United States** the total premium volume after inclusion of Milbank Insurance Company was marginally lower in dollar terms. The operating ratio was 114.5% (113.1%). Commercial multi-peril produced an unsatisfactory result although better than last year, but there was a worsening in personal automobile and workers compensation business. Our firm pricing action made necessary by the unsatisfactory underwriting experience led as expected to some loss of business in commercial lines in the highly competitive market conditions. This action and other programmes now in place should be progressively reflected in improved results.

Premium volume increased by some 6% in the **UK**. The much improved result was due to better experience in the property business helped by the lower level of weather losses. The personal lines result was satisfactory although there was strong competition for personal motor business. Competition continued to be intense for commercial business but there are signs of a greater market realism in rating.

The previously reported significant improvement in the result in **Canada** has continued. There was still some loss of business but less than in 1982.

The result for **Royal Int** worsened somewhat with conditions remaining difficult in most of the wide spread of overseas territories where the company operates.

The result for **Royal Nederland** was little changed with worsening experience in the competitive motor account offsetting improvements in other lines of business. Premium income fell by 6% in local currency terms.

The impact of the net loss of £3.4m from the bushfires in February more than accounted for the worse result in **Australia**.

The deterioration in the **Royal Re** result was mainly due to a number of large losses in the non-treaty business.

	6 months to 30 June 1983				6 months to 30 June 1982			
	Premiums Written £m	Under-Writing Balance £m	Allocated Investment Income £m	General Insurance Result £m	Premiums Written £m	Under-Writing Balance £m	Allocated Investment Income £m	General Insurance Result £m
Royal USA	410.7	−72.5	43.0	−29.5	349.5	−50.8	36.4	−14.4
Royal UK	275.6	−11.7	27.2	15.5	259.8	−22.9	25.9	3.0
Royal Canada	104.2	−2.8	13.4	10.6	96.3	−11.1	14.3	3.2
Royal Int.	61.3	−2.1	3.7	1.6	56.9	−1.4	3.4	2.0
Royal Nederland	41.4	−2.5	3.2	0.7	39.5	−2.6	3.1	0.5
Royal Australia	40.9	−4.0	4.5	0.5	34.1	−2.6	4.1	1.5
Royal Re	34.2	−3.7	1.8	−1.9	30.9	−2.6	1.8	−0.8
	968.3	−99.3	96.8	−2.5	867.0	−94.0	89.0	−5.0

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COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Unofficial prices
Official turnover figures.
Prices in pounds per metric ton
Silver in pence per troy ounce
Rudolf Wolff & Co. Ltd. report

COPPER HIGH GRADE	
Cash	1095.50-96.50
Three months	1123-23.5
T/O:	28,150
Barely steady.	
STANDARD CATHODES	
Cash	1064-64.5
Three months	1091-92
T/O:	200
Quiet.	
TIN STANDARD	
Cash	8435-40
Three months	8545-48
T/O:	810
Barely steady.	
TIN HIGH-GRADE	
Cash	8435-40
Three months	8550-60
T/O:	Steady
Steady.	
LEAD	
Cash	264.50-65.00
Three months	274.50-75.00
T/O:	3,300
Barely steady.	
ZINC	
Cash	541-42
Three months	567-57.5
T/O:	2,600
Steady.	
SILVER	
Cash	830-31
Three months	851-51.5
T/O:	41
Very firm.	
ALUMINIUM	
Cash	1073-74
Three months	1101-02
T/O:	6,125
Barely steady.	
NICKEL	
Cash	3210-20
Three months	3298-3300
T/O:	378
Easier.	

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET
In US $ per oz.

Aug	420.00-424.00
Sep	422.00-426.00
Oct	428.00-428.20
Nov	431.00-432.00
Dec	435.10-436.30
Jan	438.50-439.50
Feb	442.60-443.50
Vol:	791

Tone: Steady.

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber in £'s per tonne;
Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per metric ton;
Gas-oil in US per metric ton.

RUBBER	
Sept	820-03
Oct	817-07
Oct/Dec	807-05
Jan/Mch	829-27
Apl/Jne	848-47
Jly/Sep	867-65
Oct/Dec	885-84
Jan/Mch	906-04
Apl/Jne	924-15
Vol:	81
Tone: Uncertain.	
SUGAR	
Oct	186.30 last traded
Dec	196.50-95.50
Mch	208.00 last traded seller
May	212.00-11.25
Vol:	7205
Tone: Steadier.	
COCOA	
Sep	1608-06
Dec	1641-40
Mar	1636-35
May	1641-39
July	1648-45
Sep	1653-50
Dec	1655-54
Vol:	3586
Tone: Steadier.	
COFFEE	
Sep	1716-1715
Nov	1695-1694
Jan	1664-1662
Mar	1630-1629
May	1597-1596
July	1583-1576
Sep	1579-1560
Vol:	3,471
Tone: Quietly steady	
GAS OIL	
Aug	258.50-259.00
Sept	262.75-265.00
Oct	267.25-267.50
Nov	270.25-270.50
Dec	273.25-273.50
Jan	273.25-273.50
Feb	269.00-271.50
Vol:	2410
Tone: Quiet.	

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES
Rudolf Wolff Financial Services Ltd.

Month	Volume	Settlement
YEN		
Sept	15	4127
Dec	2	4167
Mar'84	–	–
Comment: Sharply stronger		
STERLING		
Sept	764	15066
Dec	199	15096
Mar'84	100	15103
Comment: Very steady		
D-MARK		
Sept	199	3766
Dec	27	3803
Mar'84	–	3843
Comment: Much improved		
SWISS FRANC		
Sept	53	4588
Dec	–	–
Mar'84	–	–
Comment: Firmer.		
EURODOLLARS		
Sept	2089	8974
Dec	710	8934
Mar'84	91	8906
June'84	36	8883
Sep'84	–	8872
Comment: Strong.		
SHORT EURODOLLARS		
Sept	1546	9011
Dec	117	8992
Mar'84	35	8982
June'84	8	8968
Comment: Early strength.		
SHORT STERLING		
Sept	733	9019
Dec	303	8985
Mar'84	66	8947
June'84	–	8915
Sept'84	–	8905
Comment: Steady.		
GILTS		
Sept	2968	10304
Dec	21	10414
Mar'84	–	10400
June'84	–	10318
Sep'84	–	10304
Comment: Constructive.		

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 16:
GB: Cattle, 92.78p per kg lw (−1.68).
GB: Sheep, 111.54p per kg est d c w (−19.80).
GB: Pigs, 66.77p per kg lw (−0.64).
England and Wales:
Cattle nos. down 7.2 per cent, ave. price 92.79p (−1.53).
Sheep nos. down 0.6 per cent, ave. price 114.08p (−19.01).
Pig nos. down 1.1 per cent, ave. price 66.25p (−0.42).
Scotland:
Cattle nos. down 13.3 per cent, ave. price 92.74p (−2.69).
Sheep nos. down 3.1 per cent, ave. price 104.59p (−22.07).
Pig nos. down 9.2 per cent, ave price 70.09p (−1.87).

London Grain Futures Market

Month	WHEAT Close	BARLEY Close
Sept	£123.75	114.35
Nov	£126.10	117.90
Jan	£129.80	121.35
Mar	£132.40	124.30
May	£135.90	126.65
July	£139.25	–

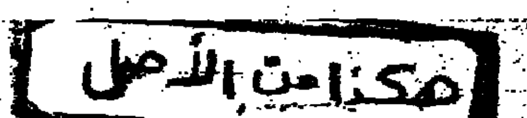
Total lots traded:
Wheat: 727.
Barley: 518.

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	Aug 15	Aug 12		Aug 15	Aug 12		Aug 15	Aug 12
AMP Inc	[illegible]	15	Fst Intrst Bncp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Polaroid	[illegible]	[illegible]
AMR	[illegible]	[illegible]	Fst Penn Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	PPG Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allied Chem	49	[illegible]	Ford	[illegible]	[illegible]	Proctor Gamble	54	[illegible]
Allied Stores	[illegible]	[illegible]	GAF Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Pub Ser El & Gas	[illegible]	[illegible]
Allis Chalmers	[illegible]	[illegible]	GTE Corp	[illegible]	[illegible]	Raytheon	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alcan	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	[illegible]	[illegible]	RCA Corp	27	[illegible]
Amax Inc	[illegible]	25	Gen Electric	[illegible]	[illegible]	Republic Steel	[illegible]	[illegible]
Amerada Hess	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Foods	[illegible]	[illegible]	Reynolds Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Brands	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Mills	54	[illegible]	Reynolds Metal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Broadcast	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Motors	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rockwell Int	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Can	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Pub Util NY	[illegible]	[illegible]	Royal Dutch	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Cyanamid	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gen Tire	[illegible]	[illegible]	Safeways	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Elec Power	[illegible]	[illegible]	Genesco	[illegible]	[illegible]	St Regis Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Home	45	[illegible]	Georgia Pacific	[illegible]	[illegible]	Santa Fe Ind	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Motors	[illegible]	8	Getty Oil	[illegible]	[illegible]	SCM	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Nat Res	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gillette	[illegible]	[illegible]	Schlumberger	[illegible]	61
Am Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodrich	[illegible]	[illegible]	Scott Paper	[illegible]	[illegible]
Am Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]	Goodyear	[illegible]	[illegible]	Seagram	[illegible]	30
Armco Steel	18	[illegible]	Gould Inc	[illegible]	[illegible]	Sears Roebuck	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Crown Zeller	[illegible]	27	Nabisco	[illegible]	[illegible]	**Canadian Prices**		
Dart & Kraft	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Distillers	[illegible]	[illegible]	Abitibi	24	24
Deere	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Med Ent	27	27	Alcan Alumin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Delta Air	[illegible]	[illegible]	Nat Steel	[illegible]	24	Algoma Steel	[illegible]	31
Detroit Edison	[illegible]	[illegible]	Norfolk South	[illegible]	58	Bell Telephone	[illegible]	[illegible]
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The engineers fight back – 2: Susan Bevan with the second of a series

New-look TI improves but has it done enough?

After a battering at the heart of the metal industries, TI Group, which was better known as Tube Investments, is showing signs of recuperation. A slimmer and very different looking group last week reported pretax profits of £6.2m for the first half of this year.

That compares well with only £4.7m for the whole of last year, but is a long way from the annual profits of almost £80m TI was notching up five years ago.

"What groups like us have had to do is reduce our dependence on those parts of engineering which don't have a future", said Sir Brian Kellett, chairman of TI.

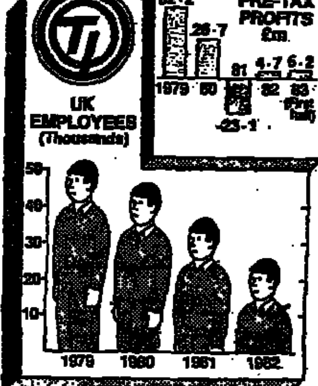
"The whole process of restructuring TI has been to change the mix of the business away from the heavy end of the industry and the commodity type of business."

On its way through the fire, TI has changed its name and sold its London headquarters. More materially, it has shed its aluminium business and the last of its steel interests.

Branded consumer products have become the white hope for profits this year. Products with high value added that can prosper through recession are the new keys to the larger specialist engineering division, which is taking over the running from the commodity-like tubes of the traditional business.

The process has been painful. TI's workforce has been halved in three years to 32,000. The cost of closures, redundancies and the loss on the sale of British Aluminium amounted to £80m over 1981 and 1982.

Net assets employed in the business have dropped from £554m in the 1979 balance sheet to £328m at the end of last year. Out of this total specialist engineering products now account for 35 per cent, against only 13 per cent three years ago. Consumer products, mainly domestic appliances and a heavily pruned and revamped Raleigh cycle business, have



increased in importance from 20 per cent to 40 per cent.

But the most dramatic symbol of change was the sale for £17m last October of TI's 58 per cent holding in British Aluminium. Falling world prices and competitive weaknesses in a global market where British Aluminium was a minnow among giants led to an attributable loss for TI of £13.7m in 1981 and a further £3.8m in the months of 1982 before its sale to Alcan.

The disposal meant a £36.3m write-off but it was a vital step in the process of making TI less of a helpless victim of the swings and roundabouts of the economic cycle.

With the nature of its businesses and most of its assets in Britain, TI's progress has always been closely tied to the performance of the British economy. Pretax profits rose steadily rather than spectacularly through the 1970s from £18.7m in 1971 to £78.4m in 1978 (boosted by the consolidation of British Aluminium).

Then came a setback to £52m as the recession began to bite in 1979 and an inexorable slide into a loss of £23.1m in the depths of 1981.

The hesitancy of Britain's overall recovery was faithfully reflected in TI's depressingly small pretax profit of £4.7m last year and even today the turnround is not across the board. Steel tubes remained stuck in the doldrums during the first half of this year with dismal prospects and the depressed machine tools sector, only recently beginning to perk up, led to lower profits from the engineering division.

But the increased emphasis on consumer products – washing machines, heaters and kettles with names like Creda, Glow-Worm and Russell Hobbs – is paying dividends.

This division produced £10m of the £14.1m trading profit total for the half year. Meanwhile a new approach to Raleigh bicycles – no longer a commodity pumped into insecure Third World markets but a highly promoted style-conscious business catering to trendy Europeans – has set this loss-making division on the way to break even this year.

Sir Brian, who has frequently poured cold water over premature forecasts of recovery, is more confident now but characteristically not over-exuberant.

"What we are seeing is the economy coming up with a consumer-led boom but it will be a slow process for it to spread through and ultimately bring up heavy capital investment.

"I don't think there is any doubt that the volume of world demand for some of these heavy products will be less in the future than at times in the past.

For example, the period of expansion of the steel industry is over.

"There are technical trends too. The volume of the machine tool industry is less than it was partly because of the recession but partly due to the industry's own success in producing advanced tools that last longer."

Sir Brian believes that the slim-line TI has completed the restructuring needed to face the future. The group's critics think it is not before time.

Even before the recession took hold it was recognized, within TI as well as outside, that the group faced structural headaches. Its main profit-earners were in mature or declining markets.

After reorienting itself in the late 1960s, after the loss through nationalization of much of its steel business, TI put life into the tubes business and the construction of the doomed Invergordon aluminium smelter.

> ‘What groups like us have had to do is reduce our dependence on those parts of engineering which don't have a future’

With hindsight, too much attention was paid to producing intermediate goods where marketing and innovation play a small part.

It still remains to be seen whether TI has yet done enough to secure its future. Market hopes for this year, taking into account a bumper second half for domestic appliances and a recovery in machine tools, are for pretax profits of about £20m – still not much of a return on capital employed of nearly £350m. Uncertainty continues to hang over bicycles and steel tubes. There is not much TI can do about the latter but it is putting its back into Raleigh.

Even with its big bicycle brand names, TI Raleigh was criticized for depending too much on bulk sales to what proved unstable Third World markets, and as a complacent monopoly which succumbed to cheap imports at home.

Since the dark days of 1981, when TI's cycle and toy division lost £10.5m, Raleigh has undergone a complete rethink from production methods to marketing. Employment is down by a third, the range has been both rationalized and redesigned and the stress has moved to selling bikes as consumer goods for the fashion-conscious.

Some £7m will be spent on the revamp this year and the cautious Sir Brian has "great confidence" in the division's future. "We have a very young and active management bringing this business back to shape", he says.

The big success of the BMX Burner for boys has helped Raleigh to restore its share of the British market to its pre-crisis 50 per cent from a low of 35 per cent in 1981. But there is still a long way to go if the business is to return to the big profits of five years ago.

> ‘There is no doubt that the volume of world demand for some of these products will be less in future’

Many TI followers believe the money and attention could be better spent elsewhere and cheer rumours like those last week suggesting a Japanese buyer for the bikes.

But there is no debate on the improved potential of the engineering side.

A good move here has been the acquisition in 1981 of the American group King Fifth Wheel. The £25.6m purchase is Sir Brian's favourite example of the group's direction today.

KFW represents an important move both into higher technology engineering and the United States market. Its flash-welded rings, an important component of aircraft gas turbine engines, dovetails neatly with the business of TI Reynolds, which is the leading supplier of these products to the European aerospace industry.

At the same time KFW's subsidiary, Abar, is the United States leader in another high technology growth area – vacuum heat treating furnaces used in the production of sophisticated alloys.

Demand for the aircraft components is depressed but KFW made a profit of almost £5m in the year before its purchase and Sir Brian is "looking forward with relish" to the time when the airlines are back on the buying trail.

Another bright spot is Crane Packing which leads the way in mechanical seals, scattered in thousands in industrial plant – and needing constant replacement whatever the stage of the busines cycle. Similarly, good business is being won in garage equipment.

In machine tools, TI Matrix and TI Churchill are now half the size they were two years ago. The focus now is on computer-controlled tools designed with a close eye on consumer requirements. It is hoped these machines will fend off the Japanese threat in the reviving market place.

While TI is now hoping to make more than the former owner from the Alfred Herbert range of computer controlled lathes which it bought from the receiver for £850,000, the industry clearly is still in a state of flux.

Steel tubes remain a big problem, though capacity has been radically pruned at the commodity end of the business. Talks go on with British Steel on a concerted rationalization of the industry and some outcome from these will be the most important element in the saga of TI's struggle back.

Tomorrow: Vickers


Kellett Confident but characteristically not overexuberant

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9½%
Barclays	9½%
BCCI	9½%
Citibank Savings	†10¾%
Consolidated Crdts	9½%
C. Hoare & Co	*9½%
Lloyds Bank	9½%
Midland Bank	9½%
Nat Westminster	9½%
TSB	9½%
Williams & Glyn's	9½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%; £10,000 up to £50,000, 7%; £50,000 and over, 8%.

W H Smith names cable section chief

APPOINTMENTS

W H Smith: Mr Francis Baron has become managing director of the new cable services division.

Lloyds Bank: Mr J. P. B. Hadfield has been appointed a regional director of the North West regional board.

Bank of America: Mr John Adshead has been promoted senior vice president and appointed to the new position of head of personnel and administration, based in London.

AE Group: Mr Alan Arnott has become deputy managing director, AE Auto Parts, Mr Peter Adcock has become managing director, Edmunds Walker & Co, with responsibility for the activities of Edmunds Walker (Holdings).

UMECO Holdings: Mr G. R. A. Metcalfe has been appionted group managing director.

Hunting Gate Developments: Mr Malcolm McPherson has been made a director.

European Ferries: Mr Rodger Braidwood has joined the board after six year as the company's financial controller. He will continue to combine control of the group's finances with co-ordination of European Ferries property developments in Britain and the US.

The Hargreaves Group: Mr G. D. Stevenson becomes director in charge of overseas developments and Dr M. R. Scott assumes the responsibility as chairman of energy division previously held by Mr Stevenson. Dr Scott will retain his responsibilities as planning and marketing director.

Freshwater Biological Association: Dr Robin Clarke has been appointed director of the association from October 1. He will succeed Mr David Le Cren, who is retiring.

Appleford: Mr Cyril Hehir has joined the company, which is part of the Vine Products Group, as managing director designate to succeed Mr Neville Kirby. Mr Kirby, who became chairman of Appleford, remains on the board of Vine Products.

Warner Lambert UK: Mr John Telford Beasley, managing director and president of the UK, Ireland and "Commonwealth" African region, and Mr Hector Graham, president of the France, North West Africa and Middle East region, have exchanged posts. Mr James Hamilton who has retired as export director for Warner Lambert, has been succeeded by Mr Edwin Buy, previously operations director. He is succeeeded by Mr Colin Clarke, director of the Company's Parke-Davis factory in Pontypool, responsibilities which he will retain.

International trade: John Lawless looks at what is happening on the British business front at home and overseas

ECGD hint of private involvement

The committee of inquiry, announced yesterday, to investigate the state-run insurance agency, the Export Credits Guarantee Depaртmemt, has a three-pronged brief.

Most fascinating will be to look into "the possibility of devolving any functions to the private sector or collaborating with the private sector in carrying them out".

This suggests that the ECGD, which has £29bn in British exports on its books, is a monopoly.

But Sir Peter Matthews, the Vickers chairman, who heads the inquiry, already knows (having served on the Export Guarantees Advisory Council) that all its work is open to private sector competition.

The largest of the specialist companies underwriters total business in one year that ECGD guarantees in two to three days, the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts heard this year.

It concluded: "We are not convinced enough is yet being done to draw upon private sector expertise." It did not do so because ECGD was seen as jealously guarding its activities, but because the state agency, having had staff cuts, does not possess sufficient specialists to cover its outstanding risk.

The task facing Sir Peter, therefore, is not to bring large chunks of a state business to a hungry market of investors. He has to see whether existing private activites can be encouraged.

The review, the first in 11 years, is welcomed by industry. Lord Selsdon, chairman of the CBI's export credit committee, said yesterday: "We are delighted the government has decided to act.

"In today's highly competitive trading conditions, the time is ripe to ensure that the department can provide UK exporters with credit insurance and financing facilities as effective as those available to our international trading competitors."

Outside specialists will, without doubt, continue to grow in importance. But they are still comparatively young and in a market which sees claims maturing over several years.

Saudi sales safe

Britain's soaring exports to Saudi Arabia are among the least likely to be threatened by the kingdom's second successive devaluation on its currency in a week, trade specialists stressed yesterday.

British exports reached £767m in the first six months of this year, against £644m the same time last year.

British purchases were expected to fall during the oil glut, but the sharp decrease in imports (down from £815m to £458m in the same periods) has not only put Britain into a two-way trade surplus.

It emphasises the problems of cash generatiooon facing all energy-exporting countries.

The British sales rise overlaps with a period when the kingdom's balance of payments have moved into defecit and with a decrease in government spending, by 6 per cent, to 62.5bn riyals in the first four months of the country's fiscal year, ending August 8.

The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency at the weekend brought the riyal's value down to 3.48 against the dollar, from 3.47, a week after devaluing it from 3.45.

Duty-free imports double

Britain's claim to have one of the world's most open markets is backed by a Department of Trade and Industry study, just published, which shows the number of duty-free imports of manufactured goods doubling in 20 years.

In 1960, according to *Visible Imports Subject to Restraint*, about 40 per cent of Britain's factory-produced goods from overseas were allowed in without duties. By 1980, it was 80 per cent. The average incidence of tariffs on the rest halved to 9 per cent.

Membership of the EEC obviously had a large impact, but the study notes that the EEC supplied only 47 per cent of Britain's manufactured goods in 1980.

Many products from Commonwealth countries have lost their duty-free privileges, it says.

More important, in terms of protectionism, the study claims that only 7 per cent of British visible imports was subjected to non-tariff restraints

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has asked Professor Aubrey Silberston, of the Imperial College of Science and Technology, London, to examine what barriers the British producers face in world markets, and how restraints on low-cost imports affect their performance.

Channon for Colombia

Mr Paul Channon, the Minister of Trade, is expected to visit Colombia soon in what would be his most important trip overseas since becoming trade minister

Two British bids were among eleven submitted two weeks ago for the $650m (£435m) mass transit subway system to be built in Medellin.

GEC is leading an Anglo-German consortium, while Hawker Siddeley is in a British-Canadian grouping.

The visit would give Mr Channon the opportunity to stress that the Government is prepared to back a British contractor to the hilt, having prepared a £50m aid package to go with it.

Authorized Units & Insurance Funds

1982/83 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield
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Authorized Unit Trusts

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CRICKET: A TWO-HORSE RACE AS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP ENTERS FINISHING STRAIGHT

Essex quick to steal a march on the leaders

By Alan Ross

WELLINGBOROUGH: Essex (22pts) beat Northamptonshire (6) by 128 runs.

Essex, batting until half an hour after lunch, set Northamptonshire the task of making 262 runs in 129 minutes and 20 overs. Larkins and Cook, going about their job like sergeant majors, rattled up 50 in no time, but once they had gone, the innings, with no Lamb or Kapil Dev to boost it, and Sharp absent injured, began to fall apart.

Half their wickets had gone for 80 and, with the pitch never entirely reliable, Northamptonshire's situation soon became hopeless. Steele put up some brave resistance but Essex triumphed with 14 overs in hand. They remain very much in contention for the championship.

On an altogether cooler and cloudier morning, Essex scored 122 before lunch. Griffiths bowled admirably for an hour, finding a brute of a ball to get Gladwin caught off his gloves and then having McEwan leg before three balls later.

Another wicket at this point and Essex could have been in trouble. Hardie and Fletcher, however, soon regained the initiative, cutting and driving as Griffiths tired. Griffiths was kept at it about half an hour longer than was good for him, and the spinners when they appeared were cussed with some relish. After lunch, Essex gave the Northamptonshire outfielders catching practice, sixes and wickets coming in about equal quantities.

Larkins, disdainfully belligerent, and Cook got Northamptonshire off to a fine start, both of them hooking anything pitched remotely short. Larkins, in this mood, is only rivalled by Gooch and as long as he was present Northamptonshire had every chance.

He lost Cook at 51, caught at square leg pulling a long hop from Lever and five runs later Willey was unable to get out of the way of a steep climber from Turner. Unfortunately Larkins himself was comprehensively bowled by Lever shortly afterwards and Northamptonshire were on a hiding to nothing.

Boyd-Moss was magnificently caught by David East far down the leg side off Turner and from 50 for, they were 58 for four. Williams struck a quartet of boundaries on either side of tea and then he too departed. Capel, who batted so promisingly in the first innings, this time was all pads and edges.

The Essex fielders began to run more and more hungrily to their positions and there was now only Steele's silver thatch, generously unconcealed, and barn-door defence.

Once or twice there were glimpses of his old trusty hook and it soon became plain he would have to be prised out. In the end he was, Gooch running back at slip to catch an awkward skier.

ESSEX: First innings 282 (G A Gooch 80; W Larkins 4 for 30)

Second innings

G A Gooch c Cook b Griffiths	3
C Gladwin [illegible] b Griffiths	34
[illegible]	68
K S McEwan lbw b Griffiths	0
[illegible]	71
[illegible]	15
[illegible]	8
[illegible]	14
[illegible]	10
Extras [illegible]	10
Total	238

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-62, 3-62, 4-176, 5-203, 6-208, 7-212.

BOWLING: [illegible]

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First innings 247 for 7 dec [illegible]

Second innings

G Cook c R E East b Lever	22
W Larkins b Lever	29
[illegible]	1
[illegible]	2
R G Williams [illegible]	21
[illegible]	12
[illegible]	39
[illegible]	12
[illegible]	0
[illegible]	0
[illegible]	0
Extras [illegible]	5
Total	143

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-51, 2-56, 3-58, [illegible]

BOWLING: Lever 17-9-45-3; [illegible]; Turner 11-2-28-2; Acfield 7-3-10-0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and D R Shepherd.

Middlesex one up

Middlesex have a match in hand over Essex. They play Somerset, Surrey and Northamptonshire at home and Sussex, Yorkshire and Nottinghamshire away. Essex, in their remaining matches, take on Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Sussex at home, and play Surrey and Lancashire away.

Championship table

	P	W	L	D	Bt	Bl	Pts
Middlesex (1)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	260
Essex (7)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	255
Leics (8)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	214
Warwicks (17)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	211
Hampshire (3)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	207
Northants (9)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	200
Kent (13)	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	197
Surrey (5)	18	6	2	10	48	53	197
Derbyshire (11)	19	5	5	9	33	48	155
Lancashire (12)	20	3	4	13	47	54	149
Gloucs (15)	19	3	6	10	46	46	140
Notts (4)	19	3	9	7	25	48	121
Sussex (2)	18	2	9	7	32	53	117
Somerset (6)	18	1	6	11	44	58	116
Glamorgan (16)	18	2	7	9	31	47	110
Worcs (14)	18	1	9	8	32	44	92
Yorkshire (10)	18	1	5	12	28	46	90

The Hampshire and Derbyshire records include 12 points for victories in one-innings matches.

1981 positions in brackets



Briers: 201 not out, a career best

Cavalier Briers brightens up gloom

By Peter Ball

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire (6pts) drew with Leicestershire (5).

A career best 201 not out by Nigel Briers could not pave the way for a Leicestershire victory yesterday. Briers, who dominated in stands of 133 with Balderstone, 132 with Davison and 133 with Whitaker, put Leicestershire in a virtually impregnable position in an innings of 354 minutes, but the delay in the declaration while he reached that milestone left Warwickshire an almost impossible target. They had already abandoned the chase when bad light and rain ended any chance of Leicestershire bowling them out.

Leicestershire's cautious batting had given them a useful launching pad for an assault; and 152 runs came in the two hours before lunch. By then Briers had reached 186, far exceeding his previous best of 119 compiled on this ground four years ago, and the lead had stretched to 299.

If there was no serious question then of a declaration, by the time Briers reached his chanceless double century with 29 fours and one six, it had become a pressing one. Whitaker in the meantime had taken the opportunity to notch his maiden 50. Tolchard, not noted for his generosityy in these matters, allowed Old to complete the remaining five balls of the over after the milestone had been passed, before setting Warwickshire to score 340 in 210 minutes.

It was always a stiff target, but while Kallicharran was at the crease it remained an outside possibility. He began with four boundaries and at tea, with Amiss also in occupation, Warwickshire were by no means out of the hunt at 104 for two. Four tight overs, from Steele and Clift, put the brakes on, however, and cost Amiss his wicket as he chafed against the restriction, and was run out trying to break free. Had Humpage settled, the target might still have been attainable, but Taylor accounted for him, to begin a spell of three for 12 in four overs.

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His next wicket, in the last over before the final 20, was the vital one of Kallicharran, who had been living dangerously outside the off stump for some time, and now found the safe hands of Steele. Smith chose the same route with 18 overs remaining, but before the Leicestershire bowlers could provide the perfect justification for their captain's declaration, the umpires called a halt, Lethbridge and Dyer accepting their offer with alacrity.

● The Warwickshire fast bowler, Gladstone Small, who started the season as a contender for an England place, is unlikely to play again this summer, because of a thigh injury.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First innings 150 (C M Old 5 for 58).

Second innings

J C Balderstone, l-b-w, b Lethbridge	64
I P Butcher, b Old	13
N E Briers, not out	201
B F Davison, c and b Kallicharran	66
J Whitaker, not out	56
Extras (b 2, l-b 18, n-b 18)	38
Total (3 wkts dec)	438

P B Clift, *†R W Tolchard, J F Steele, G J Parsons, J P Agnew and L B Taylor, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-173, 3-305.

BOWLING: Old, 30-7-76-1; Hogg, 15-1-65-0; P A Smith, 9-1-40-0; Gifford, 42-8-93-0; Lethbridge, 21-3-89-1; Kallicharran, 14-4-37-1.

WARWICKSHIRE: First innings 245 (T A Lloyd 75; G J Parsons 5 for 51).

Second innings

T A Lloyd c Briers b Agnew	35
K D Smith lbw b Parsons	10
A I Kallicharran c Steele b Taylor	88
D L Amiss run out	18
†G W Humpage c Davison b Taylor	9
R I H B Dyer not out	16
P A Smith c Steele b Taylor	4
C Lethbridge not out	0
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 11)	14
Total (6 wickets)	194

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-72, 3-135, 4-170, 5-181, 6-185.

BOWLING: Taylor 12-3-35-3; Parsons 7-1-25-1; Agnew 5-1-31-1; Clift 11-2-48-0; Steele 12-4-41-0.

Umpires: J van Geloven and J W Holder.

Surrey bounce past a milestone

By Richard Streeton

GUILDFORD: Surrey (24pts) beat Worcestershire (5) by 227 runs.

A devastating spell by Thomas removed the main Worcestershire batsmen after lunch and made superfluous any question that they could reach the stiff target which had been set them. On a pitch of unpredictable bounce, Thomas took four for 9 and Surrey were on their way to a win which keeps them within range of the lower place prize money in the championship.

It must also be recorded that this was Surrey's 1,000th victory in 2,461 championship matches since 1864, the season most statisticians now accept as the date of the competition's inception. Surrey are only the second team to attain this milestone. Yorkshire have 1,163 wins from 2,486 fixtures and Lancashire are the only other county with more than 900 wins to their credit. They began a year later than the other two sides and now have 913 wins from 2,385 matches.

Worcestershire needed 346 to win in 4 hours 35 minutes and capitulated without giving Surrey too much anxiety, without Turner and Younis this was always going to be a difficult summer for them. As often happens in these circumstances they have not always had the best of luck and in this game they were not helped by injuries of varying severity.

Their second innings began 35 minutes before lunch, an awkward period against Clarke and Thomas that the opening pair survived without alarm. But afterwards it was a different story, Clarke, the only bowler consistently to obtain steep bounce, made the first breakthrough when he had McEvoy held at short mid-wicket, as the batsman tried to turn a rising ball.

The six overs by Thomas, slanting the ball away from the batsmen, swung the match. Ormrod edged a ball into his stumps and Neale was bowled by one which kept low. Patel, who had strapping on an injured finger on both hands, was leg before playing back and D'Oliveira was bowled trying to hook. Tim Curtis resisted for nearly two hours but when the faster bowlers rested, Pocock's wiles proved too much for the later batsmen.

Humphries, who was deceived by a straight ball, was Pocock's first victim and Worcestershire lost six wickets for 61 runs during the afternoon period. After tea, Illingworth was held at slip and with Pocock and Ian Curtis both turning the ball, the game ended just before five o'clock.

As always, everyone in the Surrey camp enjoyed their annual excursion from the Oval to Woodbridge Road, but something must be done about the operation of the scoreboard there. At the Oval, the scoreboard operators are the fastest and best on the county circuit, but at Guildford the opposite applies

SURREY: First innings 353 for 7 dec (A R Butcher 122, A J Stewart 82; R K Illingworth 4 for 76).

Second innings

A R Butcher c Neale b Perryman	85
G S Pauline c Neale b Pridgeon	69
G Monkhouse c Illingworth b Pridgeon	0
A J Stewart c sub b Ellcock	43
M A Lynch b Ellcock	9
*R D V Knight not out	20
D J Thomas c Curtis b Pridgeon	3
†C J Richards not out	8
Extras (l-b 8, n-b 1)	9
Total (6 wkts dec)	246

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-141, 2-149, 3-175, 4-196, 5-221, 6-227.

BOWLING: Ellcock 17-1-100-2; Pridgeon 16-1-75-3; Illingworth 5-0-35-0; Perryman 5-1-26-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings 264 (D N Patel 105, P A Neale 58; S T Clarke 4 for 39).

Second innings

J A Ormrod b Thomas	28
M S A McEvoy c Pauline b Clarke	13
*P A Neale b Thomas	7
D N Patel b Thomas	6
D B d'Oliveira b Thomas	10
T S Curtis b Pocock	19
†D J Humphries l-b-w b Pocock	13
R K Illingworth c Clarke b Pocock	2
R M Ellcock b Curtis	7
S P Perryman c Thomas b Pocock	1
A P Pridgeon not out	0
Extras (b 5, n-b 7)	12
Total	118

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-44, 2-48, 3-57, 4-68, 5-73, 6-90, 7-106, 8-113, 9-117, 10-118.

BOWLING: Clarke 15-3-46-1; Thomas 14-5-33-4; Monkhouse 4-2-5-0; Pocock 16.4-8-13-4; Curtis 11-6-9-1.

Umpires: P J Eele and A Jepson.

Boycott go-slow will be reviewed by county

CHELTENHAM: Gloucestershire (21pts) beat Yorkshire (5) by five wickets Michael Crawford, the Yorkshire chairman, said yesterday that Geoff Boycott's slow scoring on Saturday against Gloucestershire would be considered when his contract came up for review at the end of the season. Boycott spent six and a half hours over an undefeated 140 here and was criticized by Yorkshire's manager-captain, Illingworth, after the team failed to collect a fourth batting point.

Boycott, who has been granted a benefit for next season, yesterday scored at a much faster rate before being dismissed three short of what would have been his second century in the match – a feat he last achieved for the county 17 years ago.

He hit 97 in 200 minutes, including a six and a dozen fours in his county's total of 239 for seven declared.

Gloucestershire were set 277 to win in just over three hours and, although they lost Stovold early on, a fine century from Broad and a nippy 75 from Zaheer Abbas put them on the road to victory, which they achieved with 11 balls to spare.

YORKSHIRE: First innings 344 for 5 dec (G Boycott 140, K Sharp 121).

Second innings

G Boycott c Stovold b Graveney	97
M D Moxon c Russell b Shepherd	5
C W J Athey b Sainsbury	36
K Sharp c Romaines b Shepherd	2
J D Love c Hignell b Sainsbury	14
†D L Bairstow not out	40
G B Stevenson c Bainbridge b Childs	10
P Carrick st Russell b Graveney	4
S J Dennis c Hignell b Graveney	0
I Swallow not out	4
Extras (b 13, l-b 11, n-b 3)	27
Total (8 wkts dec)	239

*R Illingworth did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-99, 3-104, 4-136, 5-195, 6-212, 7-226, 8-226.

BOWLING: Shepherd 18-6-34-2; Sainsbury 20-3-67-2; Childs 14-2-61-1; Graveney 18-4-46-3; Bainbridge 1-0-6-0.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First innings 307 for 8 dec (P W Romaines 100 not out, J N Shepherd 33).

Second innings

A W Stovold, b Dennis	2
B C Broad, c Carrick, b Swallow	100
P Bainbridge, c Athey, b Illingworth	39
Zaheer Abbas, c Stevenson, b Carrick	75
A J Hignell, not out	24
P W Romaines, c Swallow, b Dennis	16
J N Shepherd, not out	13
Extras (b 4, l-b 4, w 1, n-b 2)	11
Total (5 wkts)	280

*D A Graveney, †R C Russell, J H Childs and G E Sainsbury, did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-101, 3-225, 4-228, 5-259.

BOWLING: Dennis 9-2-36-2; Stevenson 10.1-8-43-0; Carrick 19-0-87-1; Illingworth 19-3-78-1; Swallow 2-1-15-1.

Umpires: J H Harris and B J Meyer.

OFFICIAL CORRECTION: Gloucestershire v Yorkshire, August 15: Yorkshire first innings: Yorkshire 5 bonus points, not as previously published.



Boycott: under fire

Maiden 50 by Maher

DERBY: Derby (4pts) drew with Somerset (7)

This match was abandoned as a draw when heavy rain washed out play in the first of the final 20 overs. Derbyshire had been set 308 in 243 minutes for victory and even without the intervention of the weather it was unlikely that they could have found the necessary impetus to reach that target.

The reserve wicketkeeper, Maher, promoted in the order to the role of "lunch-watchman", made his maiden first-class half-century in an opening stand of 95 with the captain, Barnett.

Derbyshire lost their way after tea and when the rain came they were 186 for four, still requiring a further 122 runs for victory. Earlier, Somerset's stand-in captain,

SOMERSET: First innings 273 (J W Lloyds 55, R L Ollis 59, T Gard 50; G Miller 5 for 71).

Second innings

*P M Roebuck b Tunnicliffe	94
J W Lloyds lbw b Oldham	41
P W Denning c Anderson b Miller	6
N F M Popplewell run out	35
V J Marks b Mortensen	40
P A Slocombe not out	5
J Garner not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 4, nb 3)	11
Total (5 wkts dec)	233

†T Gard, C H Dredge, M R Davis and R L Ollis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-86, 3-131, 4-224, 5-230.

BOWLING: Mortensen 16-3-70-1; Tunnicliffe 7-0-34-1; Oldham 18-6-56-1; Finney 6-0-21-0; Miller 21-5-61-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First innings 199 (J H Hampshire 74, A Hill 58; M R Davis 4 for 34).

Second innings

†B J M Maher c Gard b Marks	52
*K J Barnett c Roebuck b Marks	47
I S Anderson l-b-w b Garner	33
A Hill not out	36
R J Finney c Garner b Popplewell	7
G Miller not out	0
Extras (l-b 10, n-b 1)	11
Total (4 wkts)	186

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-95, 2-116, 3-165, 4-186.

BOWLING: Garner 7-1-19-1; Davis 13-2-37-0; Dredge 11-0-38-0; Marks 16-1-53-2; Popplewell 4.3-1-20-1; Lloyds 2-0-6-0.

Umpires: W E Alley and N T Plews.

Taylor at his peak

CARDIFF: Kent (20pts) beat Glamorgan (5) by seven wickets.

The Kent opener, Neil Taylor, scored a career best 155 not out to guide his side to their sixth championship victory of the summer. Taylor, aged 24, played a superb array of attacking shots, including two sixes and 16 fours in a memorable innings.

Earlier in the day, the action was prolonged when the Glamorgan tailenders put up a spirited rearguard action to rescue the side from 129 for seven to 247 all out. The 69 of Davies was also a career best, including six boundaries.

Kent were always ahead in the run chase as they went after the target of 283 in 240 minutes.

GLAMORGAN: First innings 335 for 3 dec (R C Ontong 105 not out, C J C Rowe 82, D A Francis 63, A Jones 60).

Second innings

A Jones l-b-w b Ellison	7
D A Francis b Johnson	22
R C Ontong b Cowdrey	11
C J C Rowe l-b-w b Johnson	13
A L Jones c Johnson b Cowdrey	1
H Morris c Knott b Ellison	18
S P Henderson c Johnson b Ellison	26
†T Davies not out	69
*M W W Selvey c Johnson b Cowdrey	22
A H Wilkins b Underwood	45
W W Davis b Underwood	2
Extras (b 1, l-b 5, w1, n-b 4)	11
Total	247

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-31, 3-46, 4-47, 5-56, 6-85, 7-129, 8-179, 9-243, 10-247.

BOWLING: Jarvis 10-0-45-0; Ellison 17-4-59-3; Underwood 7.1-6-2-2; Baptiste 13-3-33-0; Cowdrey 22-3-80-3; Johnson 15-9-18-2.

KENT: First innings 301 for 4 dec (M R Benson 111, S G Hinks 87, C S Cowdrey 58 not out).

Second innings

N R Taylor not out	155
M R Benson b Rowe	50
D G Aslett b Selvey	14
S G Hinks b Ontong	41
*C S Cowdrey not out	15
Extras (b 2, l-b 4, n-b 2)	8
Total (3 wkts)	283

E A Baptiste, †A P E Knott, G W Johnson, R M Ellison, D L Underwood and K B S Jarvis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-146, 3-252.

BOWLING: Davis 11-0-50-0; Selvey 19-6-55-1; Rowe 22-4-77-1; Ontong 8.3-0-45-1; Wilkins 12-1-48-0.

Umpires: R Julian and M J Kitchen.

Turner the mainstay

TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire (6 points) drew with Hampshire (5 points).

A determined 94, his best score of the season, by David Turner, the Hampshire left-hander, dug his team out of a crisis against Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Turner, who top scored in Hampshire's first innings collapse with 41, this time pulled them round from 81 for six and a slim lead of just 37, to 243 for nine declared. He hit 12 fours and a six in a 227 minute stay, putting on 68 for the ninth wicket with Southern, a tail-ender, as Hampshire set their opponents 199 to win in 125 minutes.

However, the match, which had fluctuated in thrilling fashion for two and a half days, ended in a tame draw when bad light and rain finished it with Nottinghamshire 28 for no wicket.

HAMPSHIRE: First innings 194

Second innings

C G Greenidge c Birch b Saxelby	5
V P Terry l-b-w b Hendrick	25
M C J Nicholas c French b Saxelby	34
T E Jesty c Hemmings b Saxelby	8
†R J Parks c French b Hendrick	0
D R Turner not out	94
*N E J Pocock b Saxelby	1
M D Marshall c Hendrick b Cooper	19
N G Cowley c Johnson b Hendrick	24
J W Southern c Birch b Pick	20
S J Malone not out	4
Extras (l-b 1, w 1, n-b 9)	11
Total (9 wkts dec)	243

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-11, 2-58, 3-73, 4-74, 5-76, 6-82, 7-104, 8-157, 9-225.

BOWLING: Hendrick 25-10-50-3; Saxelby 20-7-49-4; Pick 15.2-2-53-1; Cooper 16-5-47-1; Hemmings 8-2-33-0.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First innings 230 (R T Robinson 50).

Second innings

R T Robinson not out	13
P Johnson not out	11
Extras (w4)	4
Total (no wkt)	28

BOWLING: Marshall 5-0-9-0; Malone 3-0-8-0; Jesty 2-0-6-0; Cowley 1-0-1-0.

Umpires: H D Bird and R Palmer.

Nottinghamshire v Hampshire, August 15: Nottinghamshire first innings: K Saxelby l-b-w b Cowley 22, not as previously published.

Lancashire v Middx

AT OLD TRAFFORD

Lancashire (5 pts) drew with Middlesex (4). Match abandoned.

MINOR COUNTIES REVIEW

Cornwall seek changes

By Michael Berry

Cornwall are pioneering a move to change the points system in the Minor Counties championship, now sponsored by the United Friendly Insurance. The Cornwall secretary, Tom Meneer, has written to the other 19 secretaries for support.

It is the points award for the first innings that is mainly under the microscope. For the initiated, the present system is easily understood, if not easily explained.

The lead within the 55 overs of each first innings determines the points in drawn games. The side with the lead collects three points and the opposition take one, although the 55-over limit does not restrict sides batting on beyond that mark.

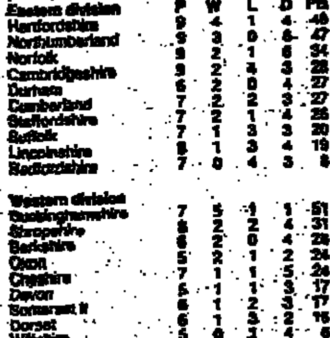
Should the side holding the first innings lead then win the game, they receive 10 points and the losers nil, the earlier award of first innings points being cancelled out. However, if a side trailing over 55 overs in the first innings win the game, they colect 10 points and the losers retain their three first-innings points.

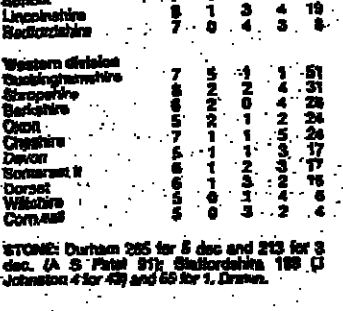
Mr Meneer feels that more emphasis should be laid on runs and wickets taken within the 55 overs on a bonus scheme similar to that operated in the first-class county championship.

This, he believes, would help cut out any negative approach that concentrates on containment. There might also be a ruling that offers little incentive to sides who bat on past the 55 overs in their first innings. That point though, could find as much opposition as support.

Mr Meneer is reluctant to unveil any firm new plan. His intention is to gauge the response for a change. Whilst I am sure that he might find some healthy backing, I doubt whether the counties would be in unison in formulating an agreeable new system.

This is not the first time that noises have been made on this topic.





Eastern division	P	W	L	D	Pts
Hertfordshire	9	4	1	4	49
Northumberland	9	3	0	6	47
Norfolk	9	2	1	6	34
Cambridgeshire	9	2	4	3	28
Durham	6	2	0	4	27
Cumberland	7	2	2	3	27
Staffordshire	7	2	1	4	26
Suffolk	7	1	3	3	20
Lincolnshire	8	1	3	4	19
Bedfordshire	7	0	4	3	8
Western division					
Buckinghamshire	7	5	1	1	51
Shropshire	8	2	2	4	31
Berkshire	6	2	0	4	28
Oxon	5	2	1	2	24
Cheshire	7	1	1	5	24
Devon	5	1	1	3	17
Somerset II	6	1	2	3	17
Dorset	6	1	3	2	15
Wiltshire	5	0	1	4	6
Cornwall	5	0	3	2	4

STONE: Durham 265 for 8 dec and 213 for 3 dec. (A S Patel 91); Staffordshire 199 (J Johnston 4 for 49) and 69 for 1. Drawn.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

NatWest Trophy
Semi-Finals (10.30 to 7.30)
CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshire
LORD'S: Middlesex v Somerset
Tour match
CHELMSFORD: Essex v New Zealanders (11.0 to 6.30)
Other matches
BRISTOL: Gloucester v Ireland
GLASGOW, Titwood: Scotland v MCC (not first class)
SCARBOROUGH: England Young Cricketers v Australia Young Cricketers (4 days)
Second XI championship
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Hampshire; Bexley: Kent v Middlesex; Fleetwood: Lancashire v Warwickshire; Old Hill: Worcestershire v Leicestershire; Peterborough: Northamptonshire v Derbyshire; Guildford: Surrey v Sussex; Harrogate: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire.
Minor counties championship
Reading: Berkshire v Cheshire; Kendal: Cumberland v Bedfordshire; Newton Abbot: Devon v Oxfordshire.

FOOTBALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: First round, second leg (7.30): Cowdenbeath v Stirling Albion; East Fife v Arbroath; East Stirlingshire v Montrose; Queen Of The South v Albion Rovers; Stenhousemuir v Forfar Athletic; Stranraer v Berwick Rangers.
TESTIMONIAL MATCH (for Martin Buchan): Manchester United v Aberdeen (7.30).
OTHER MATCHES: Dundee United v Tottenham Hotspur (7.30); Portsmouth v West Ham United (7.30).

GOLF

English Ladies Close Intermediate Matchplay championship (at Worksop GC); British Girls' international and championship (at Alwoodley GC, Leeds).

TENNIS

British under-18 championships (at Eastbourne).

FOOTBALL

Injury keeps Whelan out

Ronnie Whelan is likely to be Liverpool's only regular first team player absent from the Charity Shield match against Manchester United at Wembley on Saturday. He has been ruled out from this game, and the start of the league season, while he recovers from a pelvic operation.

The Welsh international forward, Rush was passed fit by a specialist yesterday after being out of action with a groin strain.

● Terry Gibson, aged 20, became Coventry City's eighth new signing of the summer when he left Tottenham Hotspur for a transfer fee of £70,000 yesterday. The deal is subject to a medical examination.

● Leeds United should learn today how much they must pay for the Celtic forward, George McCluskey. He moved south last month, but Leeds have offered £100,000 against Celtic's asking price of £175,000

The matter will be settled in Manchester at a hearing attended by representatives of the Football League and Scottish League with an independent chairman from the Irish League.

● Martin O'Neill must wait until tomorrow week to discover where he will start the new season. Norwich's Irish international has agreed to join Notts County but the signing will only proceed if County agree with a tribunal valuation. Chelsea, who are also keen on O'Neill, will be keeping a close watch on the hearing in London.

● Nine clubs have been charged by the Football Association for their bad behaviour on the field last season, and could be fined under rule 33A. They are Brentford, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Millwall, Wimbledon, Northampton Town, Exeter City, Manchester City and Mansfield Town.

● Colchester United are to receive £43,500 in sponsorship from the Royal London Mutual Insurance Society this season. They believe it to be the biggest single cash payment outside the first division. The company have been sponsoring United since 1980 but no details of the amount involved have ever been revealed before by either side.

● Derby County's team manager, Roy McFarland, is to play again when Derby meet Tranmere Rovers at Prenton Park tonight in Les Parry's testimonial. McFarland joined Derby from Tranmere in 1967 and played 522 games for them before he moved on to Bradford City as their player-manager.



Gibson: gone to Coventry

BOWLS

Relentless march by Hartlepool

By Gordon Allan

George Turley and Mal Hughes of Eldon Grove, Hartlepool reached the semi-final round of the pairs event in the English Bowling Association championships, sponsored by the Gateway Building Society, at Beach House Park, Worthing, yesterday. In the fourth round, on a cool, breezy afternoon, they beat the Nottinghamshire pair, Alan Ward and Dennis Poole of Longdon Terrace, Warsop, 20-10.

Turley and Hughes are now more strongly fancied than ever for the title. At times they seem the perfect combination

This morning Turley and Hughes play Roger Bayes and Fred Thurling of Soham Town, who beat Norman Groves and his son Kevin, of Whitham 14-13 on an extra end. The other semi-final is between Mike Parker and his son Keith of Scarcroft York, and George Heathcote and Mick Durber of St Peter's, Huntingdon.

In the morning Turley and Hughes, 13-16 down, scored 2, 2, 4 over the last three ends to beat Ron Oakes and Brett Long of Slough 21-16 in a tit-for-tat match. Those heads were worthy of the situation – closely packed and a test of the players' finest skills. Oakes and Long picked up a five early in the game to lead 9-4, but turley and Hughes retaliated with a 1, 1, 4, 2 sequence that had far reaching effects.

Fred Taylor, president elect of the EBA, an Tom Armstrong of Carlisle lost 25-19 to the Groves. The Groves had fives at consecutive ends to vault from 5-11 to 15-11. The Parkers beat Eddie Hipkin and Albert Shackcloth of Huntstanton, 26-11. Shackcloth and ashes?

THIRD ROUND: A Ward and D Poole (London Terrace, Nottingham) 21, K Sharratt and J Sargent (Paddington) 12; R Bayes and F Thurling (Soham Town, Cambridgeshire) 10, L Trim and Shore (West Moors Memorial, Dorset) 18; G Turley and M Hughes (Eldon Grove, Durham) 21, R Oakes and B Long (Slough) 16; K Parker and M G Parker (Scarcroft, York), 26, E Hipkin and A Shackcloth (Hunstanton) 11; A Apsey and P Owens (Bristol) 21, C Bettany and E Emms (Rolls Royce, Leicestershire) 11; K Groves and N Groves (Witham/Essex) 25, T Armstrong and F Taylor (Edenside, Cumbria) 19; R Richardson and R Coble (Hebburn Park, Durham) 24, S Spreadbury and R Kempt (Fleming Park, Hants) 15; G Heathcote and M Durber (St Peter's Hunts) 19, S Remington and N Remington (Trowbridge), 17.

QUARTER-FINALS: Turley and Hughes 20, Ward and Poole 10; Bayes and Thurling 14, Groves and Groves 13; Parker and Parker 22, Richardson and Cogle 18; Heathcote and Durber 21, Apsey and Owens 16.

● Norma Shaw, the world singles champion, won the two-wood singles event at the women's national championships, sponsored by Lombard, at Leamington Spa yesterday. In the final she beat Joan Plackett, from the Field Place club at Worthing 16-9.

Victories over Joan Frame (West Bridgford, Nottinghamshire) and Penny Carter (Boston) earned the Sussex player a place in the final against Mrs Shaw, who earlier in the day had beaten Pauline Whitburn (Perranporth) and Peggy Mizon (Haverhill).

● Results from the English women's championships at Leamington Spa:

TWO-WOODS SINGLES: Quarter-finals: P Mizon (Haverhill) bt E Fletcher (Poole Park), 15-11; N Shaw (Ropner Park) bt P Whitburn (Perranporth), 16-7; P Carter (Bucyrus) bt D Bruce (Broadway), 15-14; J Plackett (Field Place) bt J Frame (West Bridgford), 17-4. Semi-finals: Shaw bt Mizon, 17-11; Plackett bt Carter, 17-8. Final: Shaw bt Plackett, 16-9.

TRIPLES: Second round: Margate bt Malvern 18-18; Camberley bt Maidenhead Town 20-19; Swaffham bt Hereford 25-11; Bromsgrove bt Kings Heath 34-8; Felixstowe Suffolk bt Croydon 18-9; Dalston bt Heaton Hall 20-11; Barking bt Kingsthorpe 23-18; Burnham Bucks bt Porchester LBC 24-8; Mail Cart bt Banbury Central 20-19; Blackheath Greenwich bt Orsett 24-23; March Conservatives bt Warboys 20-15; Dawden Welfare bt Moordown 23-10; Haywards Heath bt Bannister Park 17-11; Broomfield bt Street, Somerset 18-13; Ropner Park bt STC/STL 31-1; Stroud bt Edmonton 20-9.

Third round: Broomfield bt Haywards Heath, 23-12; Margate bt Camberley, 22-21; Bromsgrove bt Swaffham, 21-15; Felixstowe bt Dalston 24-7; Burnham bt Barking, 21-18; Blackheath and Greenwich bt Mail Cart, 20-18; March Conservatives bt Dawden Welfare 20-9.

IN BRIEF

Leconte fractures foot

Mason, Ohio (Reuter) – In the first round of the Association of Tennis Professionals championships here, the No 13 seed, Henri Loconte, of France, had to withdraw with a fractured right foot when losing 4-6, 0-2 to Sammy Giammalva on Monday. This is the last major tournament before the US Open an event for which Leconte is now "doubtful," according to a doctor here.

Three of the world's top 10 players, Guillermo Vilas, José-Luis Clerc, both of Argentina, and Yannick Noah, of France, were late withdrawals, but McEnroe, Lendl and Connors are all playing.

GOLF: England continued to dominate the girls' international series by retaining the Stroyan Cup with a 4-3 win over Scotland in the final game at Alwoodley, Leeds, yesterday.

It was England's seventh successive victory in the international series. Ireland beat Wales 6-1 to finish second.

ATHLETICS: Steve Cram, the world 1,500 metres champion, won a 1,500 metres race at an international athletics meeting in Kokkola, Finland, yesterday with a time of 3 min 38.12 sec.

PAN AMERICAN GAMES: Two superb goals from free-kicks gave Brazil a 2-0 victory over Argentina ans virtually assured them of a gold or silver medal for football on the opening day of the Games in Caracas yesterday. In weightlifting, Cuba eclipsed their rival, The United States, by winning eight golds.

RUGBY UNION: The England international three-quarter, Huw Davies, is leaving Coventry and is expected to join Wasps who have already recuritied the England lock, Maurice Colclough for the new season. Davis's place at Coventry is likely to be filled by Mark Lakey, a local boy aged 21.

AMERICA'S CUP

A victory foiled by shift of wind

By Barry Pickthall

In what must be regarded as a most convincing sign of improvement, Victory '83, Britain's entry in the semi-final challenge trials, led the radical Ben Lexcen designed Australia II for most of the third round race off Newport Rhode Island on Monday, a Special Correspondent writes. A shift of wind during the penultimate leg allowed the Australians to slip through, however, and build up an advantage of 1min 54sec by the finish.

Victory, steered at the start by Lawrie Smith, came off best in the preliminary skirmish, forcing the Australian yacht over the line early before building up a commanding lead of 1min 46sec by the third mark, only to see the order reverse when the light 6 to 9 knot shifting wind boxed the compass.

The Australians, who picked up 87sec while travelling downwind on the fifth leg, have won all three of their semi-final races and have a 39-4 overall foreign trials record.

It was a similar story in the second match between Canada I and Azzurra, for the Italians also broke through Canada's cover late in the race to build up an advantage of 8min 53sec by the gun.

Canada led by 20sec at the first turning mark and was ahead by eight seconds at the completion of the first triangle, but on the fourth leg it fell into an area of almost no wind which the Italian boat managed to aviod. Azzurra led by over four minutes at the fifth mark and, sailing into a fresher breeze first, doubled the margin

Victory have won two of their three races, Azzurra one out of three and Canada none.

TENNIS

Whichello courts trouble

By Lewine Mair

Peter Moore, the No 2 seed, survived a warning, a penalty point and a match point before emerging to take his place in the quarter finals of the 18 and under junior grass court championships, sponsored by Prudential, at Eastbourne.

The penalty point was for racket abuse but, in truth, Moore's match with Christopher Peet was a very gentlemanly affair compared to the one between Richard Whichello, the No 1 at 16 and under, and Austin Brice, the outstanding youngster in the year below which the forme-won 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.

It was one of those days when one felt grateful that Whichello was behind netting. He looked decidedly menacing from the start and, although the angry tennis he played was at times most effective, his lack of self control almost cost him the match.

As it was, he again found himself in trouble, but now it was not until he was two points away from defeat that he began to play more constructively. Having allowed Brice, with his sharp serve and volley tactics, to dominate the first eight games, he dropped only six points in taking the last four. After he put away the winning forehand volley he did a crazed dance at the net before fleeing from his cage, action which prompted the referee to have a word with him at the end

In the 14 and under section, there was a heartbreaking defeat for the No 3 seed, Colin Beecher, from Kent. Beecher, who has been under a great deal of pressure this season for one so young, took the first set 6-3 and was 5-1 ahead in the second. At this point, Mark Petchey, a yung man who is particularly useful on the backhand wing, came back into the match, going on to win 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

BOY'S SINGLES, 18 AND UNDER: Second round: J Clunie bt A Hunting, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; M Wallace bt A Davies, 6-0 6-7, 6-2; P Hand bt S Botfield, 6-2, 5-7, 6-4; C Kermode bt P Russell, 6-2, 6-1; R Jeffreys bt S Heron, 6-2, 7-6; J Goodall bt S Keelan, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1; R Whichello bt A Brice, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5; C Clarke bt A Evans, 6-0, 6-2; D Shann bt S Bennett, 6-1, 6-1; B Knapp bt H Slater, 6-4, 6-3; A Lakatos bt M Prestwich, 6-1, 6-4; P Coyle bt S Tucker, 6-2, 6-3; A Johnson bt J Southcombe, 3-6, 7-5, 6-2; S Cole bt M Walker, 5-7, 7-6, 6-2; C Peet bt I Mackinlay, 6-2, 6-2; P Moore bt J Turner 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. Third round: Clunie bt Wallace, 6-0, 6-1; Hand bt Kermode, 6-3, 6-4; Cole bt Johnson, 6-4, 7-6; Moore bt Peet, 5-7, 7-6, 6-2.

GIRLS' SINGLES, 18 and under: second round: J Salmon bt C Billingham, 6-4, 6-3; L Harley bt F Cammack, 6-3, 6-4; S Gough bt H Narborough, 7-5, 6-3; V Asquith bt J Reeves, 6-4, 6-4; S Nicholson bt D Walker, 6-0, 6-0; S Whiteman bt J Spencer, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3; A Grant bt J Holden, 5-7, 6-4, 9-7; S Longbottom bt C Gillies, 6-7, 7-6, 6-2; R Charlton bt J Stamper, 6-1, 6-1; S Marr bt J Wood, 6-3, 6-4; D Newbury bt K McLoughlin, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; S Sullivan bt K Montague, 6-1, 6-2; A Root bt D Cantrell, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; V Lake bt L Day, 6-0, 6-0; C Pollard bt C Petchey, 6-4, 6-1; B Borneo bt L Gould, 7-6, 7-5. Third round: Salmon bt Harley, 6-1, 6-1; Gough bt Asquith, 6-0, 6-3; Root bt Lake, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4; Borneo bt Pollard, 6-3, 6-2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

Milwaukee Brewers 2, Boston Red Sox 0; Chicago White Sox 1, New York Yankees 0; Toronto Blue Jays 3, Cleveland Indians 2; Kansas City Royals 6, Detroit Tigers 4; Baltimore Orioles 6, Texas Rangers 4; Oakland Athletics 5, California Angels 0; Minnesota Twins 7, Seattle Mariners 4. Sunday: New York Yankees 4, Detroit Tigers 1; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Milwaukee Brewers 3; Boston Red Sox 4, Kansas City Royals 3 (and 3-5); Baltimore Orioles 2, Chicago White Sox 1; California Angels 7, Seattle Mariners 2; Oakland Athletics 6, Minnesota Twins 0; Cleveland Indians 3, Texas Rangers 0.

AMERICAN LEAGUE:

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore Orioles	65	49	.570	–
Detroit Tigers	65	51	.560	1
Milwaukee Brewers	65	51	.560	1
New York Yankees	64	51	.557	1½
Toronto Blue Jays	65	52	.556	1½
Boston Red Sox	58	58	.500	8
Cleveland Indians	49	68	.419	17½

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago White Sox	63	53	.543	–
Kansas City Royals	56	57	.495	5½
Oakland Athletics	58	62	.483	7
Texas Rangers	56	60	.483	7
California Angels	56	62	.475	8
Minnesota Twins	50	70	.417	15
Seattle Mariners	46	72	.390	18

NATIONAL LEAGUE Monday: Philadelphia Phillies 5, Chicago Cubs 0; Pittsburgh Pirates 4, New York Mets 2; San Diego Padres 4, Atlanta Braves 0; Houston Astros 9, Cincinnati Reds 1; Montreal Expos 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; San Francisco Giants 7, Los Angeles Dodgers 3. Sunday: New York Mets 5, Chicago Cubs 2; Philadelphia Phillies 5, St Louis Cardinals 1; Pittsburg Pirates 5, Montreal Expos 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Atlanta Braves 4; San Diego Padres 10, Cincinnati Reds 9 (10 innings); San Francisco Giants 5, Houston Astros 2.

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia Phillies	61	52	.540	–
Pittsburgh Pirates	61	55	.526	1½
Montreal Expos	59	56	.513	3
St Louis Cardinals	55	61	.474	7½
Chicago Cubs	52	65	.444	11
New York Mets	48	69	.410	15

West Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta Braves	71	48	.597	–
Los Angeles Dodgers	64	52	.552	5½
Houston Astros	61	55	.526	8½
San Diego Padres	58	60	.492	12½
San Francisco Giants	56	62	.475	14½
Cincinnati Reds	54	65	.454	17

TENNIS

Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): E Burgin bt A Walker, 6-2, 6-4; R Reggi (It) bt B Norton, 7-6, 3-6, 6-2; K Horvath bt L Bonder, 6-3, 6-2; A Hobbs, (GB) bt K Dewis, 6-0, 6-1; H Sukova (CZ) bt A Minter, (Aust), 4-6, 6-1, 7-6; E P Gagg (WG) bt C Reynolds, 6-3, 7-6; S Leo (Aust), bt S Simmonds (It), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; E Inoue, (Jap), bt C Benjamin, 6-3, 6-2; L Sandin (Swe), bt P Huber (Austria), 6-3, 6-0; T Phelps bt Y Vermaak (SA), 6-4, 6-2; I Madruga-Osses (Arg) bt S Mascarin, 6-2, 6-1; K Shaefer, bt C Vanier (Fr), 0-6, 6-1, 6-2; A Moulton bt K Steinmetz, 6-4, 1-6, 7-6; P Casale bt R Fairbank (SA), 6-1, 7-6; P Medrado (Br) bt L Allen, 6-2, 6-3.

STOWE, Vermont: First round (US unless stated): F Buehning bt M Anger, 6-4, 6-4; E Fromm bt M Fur, 6-4, 6-1; P Mc Namee (Aus) bt M Brunnberg, 6-1, 6-1; R Saguso bt T Cain, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; D Tarr (SA) bt A Andrews, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; B Gilbert bt T Waike, 6-2, 7-6; L Bourne bt B Strode, 6-4, 7-6; C Wittus bt M Woolridge, 6-3, 6-4; K Warwick (Aus) bt E Edwards (SA), 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; M Doyle bt J Lapidus, 6-2, 6-4; V Amritag (India), bt V van Pattern, 6-2, 6-1.

GRAND PRIX POSITIONS: 1, I Lendl, 1,579pts; 2, V Noah, 1,562; 3, M Wilander (Swe), 1,431; 4, J McEnroe, 1,355; 5, J Higueras (Sp), 1,294; 6, J Connors (US), 1,280; 7, J Arias (US), 1,270; 8, J-Luis Clerc (Arg), 1,055; 9, G Mayer (US), 730; 10, K Curren (SA), 703.

CINCINNATI, Ohio: First round (US unless stated): R Van't Hof bt B Gottfried, 6-3, 6-4; M Wilander (Sw) bt J Nystrom (Sw) 6-7, 7-5, 6-2; T Mayotte bt J Alexander 6-3, 6-4; W Scanlon bt R Krishnan (India) 6-4, 6-2; S Giammalva bt H Leconte (Fr) 6-4, 2-0, retired; T Smid (Cz) bt C Lewis (NZ) 6-1, 6-7, 6-4; M Odizor (Nigeria) bt J McCurdy (Aust) 6-2, 7-5; T Hogstedt (Sw) bt S Smith 6-2, 7-6; E Teltscher bt F Punсec (SA) 6-2, 6-4; H Simonsson (Sw) bt L Courteau (Fr) 6-4, 6-1; M Bauer bt D Gitlin 4-6, 6-0, 6-2; D Carter (Aus) bt S Davis 6-2, 7-6; P Cash (Aus) bt M Leach 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; G Michibata (Can) bt M Depalmer 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; C Dowdeswell (Swit) bt C Kirmayr (Br) 7-6, 6-3; M Hocevar (Br) bt E Adams 6-3, 6-1.

ATP RANKINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US); 2, I Lendl (Cz); 3, J Connors (US); 4, Y Noah (Fr); 5 G Vilas (Arg); 6, M Wilander (Sw), 7, J Clerc (Arg); 8, K Curren SA); 9, G Mayer (US); 10, J Higueras (Sp).

GOLF

LEEDS: Girls International: Scotland 3, England 4 (Scottand names first): K Imrie lost to P Johnson 5 and 3; T Craik Lost to S Duhig 2 and 1; R Kennedy bt J Hill 1 hole; D Martin bt K Mitchell 4 and 3; J Forbes bt C Swallow 1 hole; A Johnston lost to S Lowe 1 hole; M M Wright lost to A Saunders 2 and 1; Wales 1, Ireland 6 (Welsh names first): N Westley lost to E R McDaid 6 and 5; S Caley Lost to L Sweeney 2 and 1; A M Magee lost to S Lynn 4 and 2; J Foster Lost to L Lynch 5 and 4; H Buckley bt C Coey 3 and 2; S Wood lost to K McGuire 2 and 1; J Williams lost to T Bradshaw 5 and 4.

	P	W	L	H	F	A
England	3	3	0	0	15½	5½
Ireland	3	2	1	0	12½	8½
Scotland	3	1	2	0	11½	9½
Wales	3	0	3	0	2½	18½

NEW JERSEY: Women's amateur championship: first round leaders: 69: K Conheady 72: C Gowan P Hammel 73: M A Widman 74: R Moore K Kostas C Grant S Timms T L Carter Y ito J Supernaw. 75: B Robertson (GB).

MONDAY'S LATE RACING

Leicester

5.50: 1, Tagio (15-8 fav); 2, Champagne Mandy (9-1); 3, English Muffin (13-2). 19 ran. NR: Roipaul.

6.15: 1, Madam Flutterbye (3-1 jt fav); 2, Brilliant Rosa (3-1 jt fav); 3, Alfie Dickins (15-2). Four Characters 3-1 jt fav. 10 ran.

6.40: 1, Comtec Princess (9-2); 2, Rio Dave (4-1); 3, Socksup (9-1). Steel Kid 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Last Gunboat.

7.10: 1, Mitre Poulaki (50-1); 2, Coyar (25-1); 3, Chic Boutique (10-1). Lilac Charm 4-7 fav. 12 ran.

7.40: 1, Selva (14-1); 2, Sully's Choice (6-1); 3, Clifton Pride (16-1). Tigerwood 11-4 fav. 17 ran.

8.10: 1, Coquito's Star (7-2 fav); 2, Nawel (6-1); 3, It's The Best (25-1). 10 ran.

RACING: ANOTHER ENGLISH TRIUMPH FOR VINCENT O'BRIEN

Eddery has the whip hand on brave Caerleon

By Michael Seely

Both Caerleon and Sun Princess stamped themselves as leading contenders for the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe on rain-soaked ground at York yesterday. Brilliantly ridden by Pat Eddery, who was gaining his third consecutive triumph in the centrepiece of the opening day of Yorkshire's festival of racing, the French Derby winner showed superb courage and stamina when resisting the determined assault of Hot Touch. Willie Carson also showed fine judgment in his handling of Sun Princess, who made every yard of the running to beat Green Lucia by four lengths in the Yorkshire Oaks.

Despite the late withdrawal of the ante-post favourite, Shareef Dancer, because of the soft going, nothing should be allowed to detract from the sterling performance of Caerleon. Confident of his mount's stamina, Eddery dictated the gallop on the winner. Both John French and Gorytus launched dangerous-looking attacks halfway up the straight, but in a desperate last-furlong battle Caerleon was always just holding Hot Touch's challenge. The pair finished one and a half lengths ahead of John French with Gorytus in fourth place.

Caerleon's triumph paid further tribute to the genius of Vincent O'Brien, who has long been acknowledged as one of the outstanding racehorse trainers of all time. Robert Sangster's Nijinsky colt was fitted with a tongue strap as a precautionary measure. "I don't know whether it made any difference or not", O'Brien said afterwards, "but Caerleon gurgled after losing his shoes in the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes at Ascot, so we thought it worthwhile trying."

Surprisingly O'Brien is still confident that Caerleon is a better horse on fast going and it speaks volumes for the three-year-olds' consistency and toughness that he has been able to win two group one races under these conditions. The trainer is still unable to confirm that Caerleon will be the Ballydoyle representative at Longchamp.

Announcing that he would decide whether Solford will be allowed to take his chance in this afternoon's Great Voltigeur Stakes after inspecting the ground this morning, the trainer said: "I have to think about Solford as well as Caerleon and Salmon Leap could still come into the reckoning."

The withdrawal of Sareef Dancer must have come as a bitter disappointment to the enormous crowd who had been hopeful of watching the Irish Derby winner confirm his superiority over Caerleon. Michael Stoute said: "It is very annoying and frustrating, but I know I made the right decision. I have no immediate plans for the horse. This appeared to be an ideal opportunity of winning another group one race on fast ground and as the season progresses these opportunities become fewer."

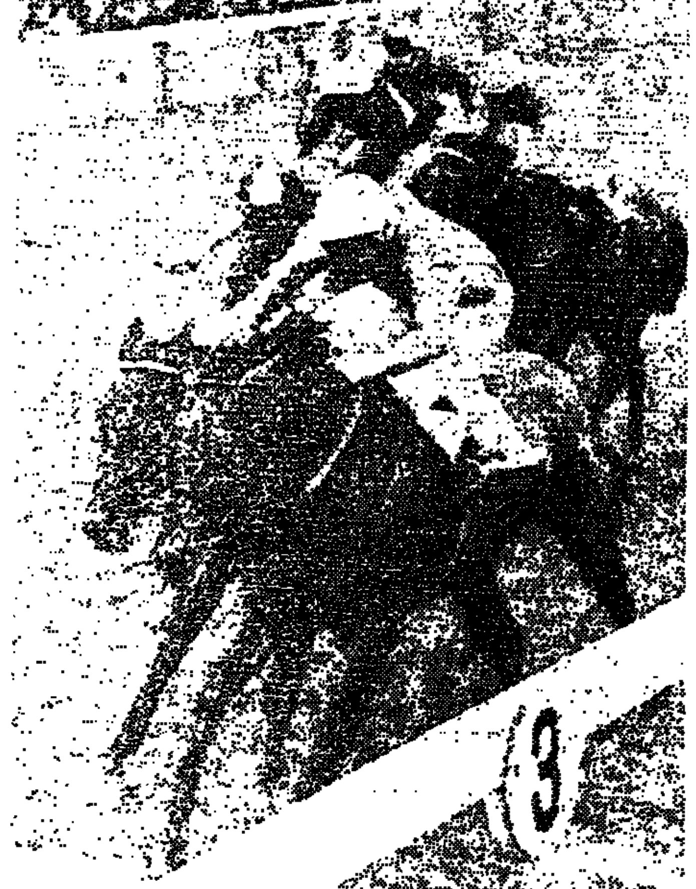
Walter Swinburn, the stable jockey, endorsed the trainer's opinion. "Mr Stoute was 110 per cent right. Shareef Dancer would not have won under these conditions."

Sun Princess, on the other hand had already shown that she loves testing going when winning the Oaks by 12 lengths. Yesterday the English Prince filly again confirmed that she is the best of her age and sex in these islands. Give Thanks, the impressive winner of the Irish Oaks was going easily early in the straight, but could only take third place, seven lengths behind Sun Princess.

When finishing a close third to Time Charter in the Diamond Stakes at Ascot the filly had fought hard for her head in the early stages, but on this occasion she settled down and relaxed in the lead. "This is a very good filly" the trainer said. "She will go for the Arc, but I would first like to run her in the Prix Vermeille."

Hern and Carson went on to complete a double when Elusive Pimpernel sprinted home two lengths clear of Axios in the Acomb Stakes. In recent years the Royal colours have also been carried to victory in this listed race by Height of Fashion and Tartan Pimpernel.

The only other favourite to succeed during the afternoon was Adonijah, who had no difficulty in beating his only two opponents in the High Line Stakes. Henry Cecil said that Newmarket's Champion Stakes was the target for Prince Khaled Abdullah's High Line colt.



Caerleon holds the challenge of Hot Touch.

Sponsors pull out

William Hill, the bookmakers who are the leading sponsors of horse racing in Britain, have dropped their support of three group one races at Newmarket. The July Cup, centrepiece of the summer meeting, and the important autumn two-year-old races, the Middle Park Stakes and Cheveley Park Stakes, have all been dropped from the firm's programme for 1984. However, Hills's overall contribution will keep them at the top of the sponsorship table with a contribution of about £250,000 in support of the remaining 12 races from last year's portfolio.

Soft going hardens Teenoso's chance

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

The ground could easily hold the key to the outcome of the Great Voltigeur Stakes at York today, now that there has been rain in an appreciable quantity there. The Derby winner, Teenoso, who excelled himself on softish ground in the spring will be in his element once again, and he is my selection.

Had it remained firm, it might have been sensible to go for the Eclipse Stakes winner, Solford, who was blissfully at ease on the firm ground at Sandown, especially as Teenoso looked like a cat on hot bricks when he finished only third behind Shareef Dancer and Caerleon in the Irish Derby where the ground was hard. But yesterday's rain on top of a heavily watered course will have been like sweet music in his trainer, Geoff Wragg's, ears, and anyone who was at Lingfield in May and at Epsom on Derby Day will not need reminding how effective he is when there is some give underfoot.

The fact that Wragg is also running a pacemaker for Teenoso implies that he is happy with the colt's condition even though his target in the long run is the St Leger. Yesterday, George Robinson, our Newmarket Correspondent, said that Wragg has every reason to be pleased with Teenoso, because the colt has been looking and moving well at home.

Robinson also says that Dazari is expected to acquit himself well after his victory in the Scottish Derby. However, bearing that race in mind, there must be a doubt whether Dazari will cope with Seymour Hicks let alone Teenoso. Seymour Hicks looked very unlucky at Ayr where he got into all manner of trouble in the straight. Yet he was still beaten only a neck. Wragg must have a pretty shrewd idea whether Teenoso can beat them because he also trains Hot Touch, who was breathing down their necks at Ayr.

With 18 stayers standing their ground overnight, the Tote-Ebor is its usual open self. Another Sam the hero of the occasion last year, now heads the weights, and he will be endeavouring to become the first horse to win this race twice since Flint Jack achieved the feat in 1922 and 1923. Another Sam seems bound to run his customary sound race, as indeed should his stable companion, Ambiance, who acquitted himself so well against Prince of Princes at Lingfield earlier this month.

However, I am happy to take a chance with Mubarak of Kuwait, who will be meeting Another Sam on 9lb better terms than when they clashed last at Newmarket at the beginning of July. Guy Harwood, Mubarak of Kuwait's trainer, welcomed yesterday's rain with open arms. "He will like this", he remarked looking skywards.

In common with most of his horses Mubarak of Kuwait was wrong for a while earlier this year. However, confidence has now returned to Pulborough, and one only has to cast the mind back to last year to realize what a good chance Mubarak of Kuwait should have at his best. He won the King George V Handicap over a mile and a half at Royal Ascot, beating Khairpour, and he returned to that course in the autumn to win the Gordon Carter Handicap over two miles by five lengths.

I regard Abdoun as a greater danger to Mubarak of Kuwait than the ante-post favourite, Band, who seems to have a lot on his plate for a three-year-old. A winner over a mile and three-quarters at Newmarket in the spring, Abdoun has been trained with today in mind by Michael Stoute for some while now.

Robert Sangster's familiar colours will be carried by both Gildoran and Clanrallier. Of the two, I prefer Gildoran who lasted the trip so well when he won at Goodwood. Later in the day, Mr Sangster, will be fancing his chances of winning the Lowther Stakes with either the easy Cherry Hinton Stakes winner, Chapel Cottage, whom he owns outright, or the recent Ascot winner, Desirable, whom he now owns in partnership with Mrs Joe Corbett.

However, in this instance, he could be in for a disappointment if my information from Newmarket is correct. The word from there is the Prickle has been going extremely well and that Henry Cecil thinks highly of her. Prickle is by that supremely successful stallion, Sharpen Up, as is Pebbles who is also no slouch.

Bruce Hobbs and Geoff Baxter, are not without a good chance of winning both the Wykeham Handicap, and the Lonsdale Stakes with Sharpish (2.0) and Zilos (4.45).

Finally, there is a strong tip for Tocave Botta for the Moorestyle Convivial Stakes. This $1,250,000 colt by Northern Dancer came within an inch of winning his first race at Yarmouth

CRICKET

Youth must rise like swallows to the occasion

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

The two more fancied sides in today's semi-finals of the NatWest Trophy, Middlesex and Kent, have their problems. Kent will be without Woolmer and possibly Dilley when they meet Hampshire at Canterbury and Middlesex, although Edmonds is expected to be fit to play for them, are bound to miss Butcher, a brilliant one-day cricketer, in their home match with Somerset.

Woolmer's absence with a back sprain leaves Kent's early batting largely in the hands of the young English talent, Aslett, Benson, Cowdrey and Taylor are all either 24 or 25. Benson has been making a lot of runs and Cowdrey is now such a good and spirited cricketer that one begins to wonder whether he might not one day take off and achieve great things. In the whole world there can be few, if any, better fielders.

Without Woolmer, Kent may need Cowdrey to bowl today, as well as to bat at No. 5 and catch swallows. Dilley will play if passed fit this morning; if not, Jarvis will. There is a good blend to this Kent side. Hampshire, more typical of the modern set-up, would not have got where they are without substantial overseas assistance. But they, too, have an English captain with a traditional English background.

Although winners of the championship in 1961 and 1973 and of the John Player League in 1975 and 1978, Hampshire have yet to play at Lord's in a one-day final. Unless they do so soon they will be getting a complex about it. If being at home gives Kent a slight edge, Hampshire meant it when they said after the draw had been made for the semi-finals that it suited them in every respect but one. They were hoping, as happened, to draw Kent as their opponents, but at Southampton.

If Edmonds plays Middlesex will be left this morning only to decide who bats at No 5. It will probably be Tomlins, though it could be Ellis, and Brearley is back in consideration. Brearley, I think, might rather not play, not simply because he is short of competitive cricket but owing to an appointment at Cambridge later this week.

He has a paper to read there to a gathering of mighty intellects, followed by questions to be answered. It is a little like having to lecture a World XI before facing them in the nets. Charles Fry, among cricketers, might have done it, and Alfred Lyttelton, but precious few.

In a match of many fine cricketers Richards is still the most likely to decide things off his own bat. He has a marvellous record in one-day matches at Lord's and is right back in form after, for him, not much of a winter. Somerset will field the side that beat Lancashire at Old Trafford and Sussex at Hove.

Middlesex have only Gatting who can get anywhere near to matching Richards. Middlesex, on the other hand, have the better bowling, and in a team chosen from the two sides they would undoubtedly be the more strongly represented.

Today's should be good, close matches, given equal batting conditions for the opposing sides. Play begins at 10.30, an improvement on the 10.00 start which made last year's corresponding round something of a lottery.

MIDDLESEX: From: G D Barlow, W N Slack, C T Radley, M W Gatting, J M Brearley, K P Tomlins, R G P Ellis, P R Downton, P H Edmonds, J E Emburey, N F Williams, N G Cowans, W W Daniel, S P Hughes.

SOMERSET: From: P M Roebuck, J W Lloyds, P W Denning, I V A Richards, I T Botham, N F M Popplewell, P A Slocombe, V J Marks, T Gard, J Garner, C H Dredge, M R Davis, R L Ollis.

KENT: From: R A Woolmer, M R Benson, N R Taylor, D G Aslett, C J Tavaré, C S Cowdrey, E A Baptiste, A P E Knott, G W Johnson, R M Ellison, G R Dilley, D L Underwood, K B S Jarvis.

HAMPSHIRE: C G Greenidge, C L Smith, M C J Nicholas, T E Jesty, V P Terry, N E J Pocock, M D Marshall, N G Cowley, T M Tremlett, R J Parks, S J Malone.

Ebor day at York



Draw: No advantage

[Television: (ITV) 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races]

Tote Double: 3.10, 4.15. Treble: 2.35, 3.40, 4.45

2.0 WYKEHAM HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,791: 5f) (7 runners)

101 102311 SHARPISH (D) (R Richmond-Watson) B Hobbs 9-7 ... G Baxter 4
102 001223 DJANGO (D) (B) (C Armstrong) K Brassey 9-2 ... L Piggott 5
105 30-1020 MOUNT KELLETT (K Hsu) R Armstrong 8-10 ... W Carson 2
107 001 TOKAIDO (D) (N Charrington) J Toller 8-1 ... DOUBTFUL 3
108 0100 JO-ANDREW (D) (B) (Mrs M Hills) D Chapman 8-0 ... D Nicholls 6
109 000324 NORDAN CENTRE (D) (B) (Nordan Builders) M Camacho 7-7 ... E Johnson 7
111 002434 BEST BIDDER (D) (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 7-7 ... – 1

2 Django, 5-2 Sharpish, 5 Best Bidder, 7 Nordan Centre, 9 Mount Kellett, 16 Jo-Andrew.

2.35 MOORESTYLE CONVIVIAL STAKES (2-y-o: maidens: £5,345: 5f) (13)

202 BELOW THE LINE (Bernstein Household) K Brassey 9-0 ... T Ives 5
203 2 BURGUNDY STAR (R Evans) P Kelleway 9-0 ... Paul Eddery 8
205 3 DOUBLE SCHWARTZ (A Smith) C Nelson 9-0 ... J Mercer 11
206 42 FAHDI (Dana Stud Ltd) J Dunlop 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 4
207 00 FINE RECOVERY (J Hanson) J Hanson 9-0 ... E Johnson 2
208 3 FLEXIBLE LAD (Torsiflex Ltd) J Winter 9-0 ... B Taylor 13
209 04 LIFE GUARD (Ld Manton) J W Watts 9-0 ... E Hide 12
211 PAGAN OF TROY (Sheikh Mohammed) W Hern 9-0 ... W Carson 7
214 TAYGETUS (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 9-0 ... P Robinson 1
215 2 TOCAVE BOTTA (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0 ... W R Swinburn 9
216 JULY (G Reed) C Thornton 8-11 ... J Seagrave 6
217 ROMAN BONNET (Mrs G Trotter) 8-11 ... J Bleasdale 10
218 SISTER HANNAH (E Maude) C Booth 8-11 ... G Oldroyd 3

9-4 Fahdi, 7-2 Pagan Of Troy, 9-2 Tocave Botta, 9 Burgundy Star, 12 Flexible Lad, 16 others.

FORM: Burgundy Star (9-11) 2nd beaten sh hd to Emergency Plumber (gave 3 lb) 12 ran. Nottingham 6f mdn stks good to firm July 25. Double Schwartz (9-0) beaten 1½l to Freeflow (level) 13 ran. Hamilton 6f mdn stks good June 16. Fahdi (9-0) 2nd beaten nk to Keep Tapping (level) 11 ran. Goodwood 6f stks firm July 29. Flexible Lad (9-0) 3rd beaten 4l to Chicago Bid (level) 22 ran. Newmarket 6f mdn stks good July 7. Life Guard (8-11) 4th beaten 3l to Derrygold (level) 13 ran. Redcar 6f mdn stks firm June 19. Tocave Botta (9-0) 2nd beaten sh hd to Nasr (level) 4 ran. Yarmouth 6f mdn stks firm Aug 4.
SELECTION: Tocave Botta.

3.10 TOTE–EBOR HANDICAP (£27,652: 1m 6f) (18)

303 000142 ANOTHER SAM (CD) (J Norman) R Hannon 6-9-7 ... Pat Eddery 7
304 010-000 MUBARAK OF KUWAIT (C) (Sheik Fahad) G Harwood 4-9-6 ... G Starkey 1
305 003301 HENRICUS (Count C Seilern) J Hindley 4-9-6 (4 ex) ... B Taylor 10
307 24-2111 BAND (C) (R Hollingsworth) W Hern 3-9-3 (7 ex) ... W Carson 3
308 040-104 ABDOUN (D) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 4-9-1 ... W R Swinburn 12
309 044-032 AMBIANCE (D Horswell) R Hannon 4-9-0 ... B Rouse 14
310 30-3001 JUPITER ISLAND (S Threadwell) C Brittain 4-9-0 (7 ex) ... L Piggott 18
311 00-0000 SHACKLE PIN (H S Commercial Spares) J Hanson 3-8-12 ... – 2
312 0-01214 WONDERFUL SURPRISE (D) (G Dolman) E Eldin 6-8-11 ... E Guest 5 11
313 0-33132 KEELBY KAVALIER (C) (B) (Mrs J Durrant) J Etherington 5-8-10 J Seagrave 6
314 4004/00 RIBERETTO (D Mc Intyre) A Hide 5-8-9 ... P Robinson 16
315 012320 REGAL STEEL (Steel Plate & Sections) R Hollinshead 5-8-7 ... Paul Eddery 8
317 011113 MORGAN'S CHOICE (D) (C Hill) C Hill 6-8-7 (7 ex) ... A McGlone 3 5
318 301121 GILDORAN (D) (R Sangster) B Hills 3-8-6 (4 ex) ... S Cauthen 13
320 1200-20 BUCKLOW HILL (N Nuttall) J FitzGerald 6-8-4 ... E Johnson 15
321 020002 HOLD TIGHT (C) (F Lattery Builders) R Whitaker 4-8-4 ... T Quinn 5 17
324 34-3111 CLANRALLIER (R Sangster) J W Watts 3-8-0 (7 ex) ... N Connorton 4
327 021243 LADY ARPEGE (C) (Mrs V Ward) W Musson 5-7-7 ... D Fowler-Wright 7 9

4 Band, 6 Abdoun, 7 Mubarak Of Kuwait, 10 Jupiter Islannd, 14 Another Sam, Gildoran, 16 Morgan's Choice, 20 Ambiance, Clanrallier, 25 others.

FORM: Henricus (9-6) won nk from Another Sam (gave 4 lb) 9 ran. Newmarket 2m 24yd h'cap good Aug 5. Mubarak Of Kuwait (9-7) 6th beaten 6l to Another Sam (rec 8 lb) 11 ran. Newmarket 2m 24yd h'cap good July 7. Band (8-13) won 3l from Harbour Bridge (rec 21 lb) 9 ran. Goodwood 1m 4f h'cap firm July 28. Abdoun (9-7) 4th beaten 5½l to Regal Steel (rec 19 lb) 9 ran. Haydock 1m 4f h'cap firm July 2. Ambiance (9-9) 2nd beaten nk to Prince Of Princes (rec 2 lb) 7 ran. Lingfield 2m h'cap last Aug 6. Jupiter Island (8-8) won nk from Keelby Kavalier (gave 3 lb) with Regal Steel (rec 4 lb) 6th beaten 9l 10 ran. Newmarket 1m 4f h'cap good Aug 6. Wonderful Surprise (8-10) 4th beaten 5l to Morgan's Choice (rec 12 lb) 7 ran. Ascot 2m h'cap firm July 22. Morgan's Choice (10-4) 3rd beaten 10l to Leodegrance (rec 23 lb) 5 ran. Salisbury 1m 6f h'cap firm Aug 11. Gildoran (8-3) won 1½l from British (rec 5 lb) 8 ran. Goodwood 1m 6f h'cap good to firm July 27. Clanrallier (8-13) won 2½l from Halyard (rec 11 lb) 3 ran. Ayr 1m 3f stks good Aug 2.
SELECTION: Abdoun.

3.40 GREAT VOLTIGEUR STAKES (Group II: 3-y-o: £34,136: 1m 4f) (5)

401 11-111 SOLFORD (D) (R Sangster) M V O'Brien (Ire) 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 1
402 4-21113 TEENOSO (D) (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0 ... L Piggott 2
403 2-1211 DAZARI (D) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 8-7 ... W R Swinburn 4
405 00-00 LAUGHING LAD (E Moller) G Wragg 8-7 ... T Ives 3
407 211121 SEYMOUR HICKS (C) (P Brant) J Dunlop 8-7 ... W Carson 5

6-4 Solford, 9-4 Teenoso, Seymour Hicks, 11-2 Dazari, 33 Laughing Lad.

FORM: Solford (8-8) won hd from Muscatite (level) 9 ran. Sandown 1m 2f stks firm July 2. Teenoso (9-0) 3rd beaten 5l to Shareef Dancer (level) 11 ran. Curragh 1m 4f stks good to firm June 25. Dazari (8-9) won nk from Seymour Hicks unlucky not a clear run close home (level) 11 ran. Ayr 1m 3f stks good July 16. Seymour Hicks (8-5) won 1½l from Sabre Dance (gave 16 lb) 7 ran. Goodwood 1m 4f stks firm July 29. Laughing Lad is Teenoso's pacemaker.
SELECTION: Teenoso.

4.15 LOWTHER STAKES (Group II: 2-y-o: fillies: £15,832: 6f) (9)

501 011 CHAPEL COTTAGE (C,D) (R Sangster) M W Easterby 9-2 ... – 3
502 113 BRYONY ROSE (D) (R Sangster) M W Easterby 9-2 ... J Lowe 9
503 0032 CALPOPPY (B) (R Walter) W O'Gorman 8-11 ... T Ives 8
504 11 DESIRABLE (D) (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-11 ... S Cauthen 4
505 011 PEBBLES (D) (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-11 ... P Robinson 7
506 3 PLAITS (J Bryce) R Armstrong 8-11 ... W Carson 6
507 1 PRICKLE (D) (P Player) H Cecil 8-11 ... L Piggott 1
508 1 RUSTICELLO (D) (D Johnson) J Tree 8-11 ... Pat Eddery 2
509 123 TINA'S EXPRESS (D McIntyre) J Winter 8-11 ... G Starkey 5

5-2 Prickle, 100-30 Chapel Cottage, 5 Desirable, 7 Rusticello, 9 Pebbles, 14 others.

4.45 LONSDALE STAKES (£7,354: 2m) (13)

601 102404 CRUSADER CASTLE (P Mellon) I Balding 4-9-6 ... Pat Eddery 5
603 300-013 SANTELLA MAN (D) (R Taiano) G Harwood 4-9-4 ... G Starkey 3
604 0-21001 FORWARD (N Hunt) J Dunlop 4-9-2 ... L Piggott 10
605 14-0210 FUTURE SPA (S Threadwell) C Brittain 4-9-2 ... T Ives 1
606 10-4232 KARADAR (D) (H H Aga Khan) M Stoute 5-9-2 ... W R Swinburn 9
608 33-4222 VOYANT (C) (Mrs J de Rothschild) B Hobbs 4-9-2 ... E Hide 12
612 00-0101 DOUBLE WRAPPED (D) (A Durkan) W Durkan (Ire) 7-8-13 ... M Duffy 13
613 00-3101 SARAZIYR (J Upson) A Jarvis 4-8-13 ... S Cauthen 4
614 3320-03 ZILOS (B) (Mrs H Cambanis) B Hobbs 4-8-13 ... G Baxter 2
615 00112 BRITISH (Lady Beaverbrook) W Hern 3-8-0 ... W Carson 11
616 0212 FAROOR (Sheikh Mohammed) F Durr 3-8-0 ... M Birch 8
619 402331 FORTUNE'S GUEST (B) (J McCaughey) R Simpson 3-8-0 ... S Whitworth 6
620 0-44140 TOY SEYMOUR (L Monaldi) M Jarvis 3-8-0 ... B Rouse 7

4 Karadar, 5 Santella Man, 7 Zilos, 9 Voyant, 10 Forward, 12 Crusader Castle, British, 16 Saraziyr, Future Spa, 20 others.

5.15 FALMOUTH HANDICAP (£4,214: 1m 1f) (19)

1 000-002 FAVOLOSO (D McIntyre) J Winter 4-9-10 ... Pat Eddery 15
2 0-00231 FELTHORPE MARINER (P Mills) C Brittain 4-9-1 ... G Baxter 14
3 300040 MURILLO (B) (W Cowell) P Asquith 7-8-13 ... K Darley 12
4 203010 STEELWORKS (CD) (K Hsu) B Hills 5-8-9 ... S Cauthen 19
5 240001 AYMAN (B) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 3-8-9 (5 ex) ... R Hills 3 3
6 3-12000 WHISKY TALK (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-8 ... – 13
7 434324 RIVERSIDE ARTIST (S Mason) N Vigors 3-8-8 ... W Newnes 10
8 000013 MUSIC LOVER (CD) (K MacPherson) P Calver 4-8-7 ... A Murray 17
10 012232 WIBIS RANGE (Widerange Ltd) M Naughton 4-8-4 ... Paul Eddry 8
11 0-04000 RESIDE (CD) (Mrs D Craig) E Carter 7-8-4 ... C Dwyer 11
12 143334 BASIL BOY (B Haywood) R Hannon 4-8-4 ... A McGlone 3 2
13 044100 MA PIERRETTE (T Ramsden) D Dale 4-8-3 ... N Connorton 7
14 0-12110 RED MINSTREL (M Hassan) M McCormack 3-8-3 ... P Bloomfield 5 16
15 200001 SAGAMORE (E Naughton) F Durr 4-8-3 ... W Carson 1
16 0-43000 CROWN (C) (D Murray) C Booth 4-8-3 ... G Oldroy 9
17 000330 MYDRONE (C Atkinson) M H Easterby 4-7-13 ... – 4
19 040023 AIRSHIP (K Fischer) R Hollinshead 5-7-10 ... – 5
20 0-10010 CHANGED HIS MIND (V Kilkenny) C Nelson 3-7-7 ... – 6
21 302020 COLEY (R Coleman) Denys Smith 4-7-7 ... – 18

11-2 Riverside Artist, 6 Music Lover, 8 Basil Boy, Felthorpe Mariner, 10 Favoloso, 12 Airship, Steelworks, 16 Crown, 20 Ayman, Mydrone, 25 others.

York selections

By Michael Phillips

2.0 Sharpish. 2.35 Tocave Botta. 3.10 Mubarak Of Kuwait. 3.40 Teenoso. 4.15 Prickle. 4.45 Zilos. 5.15 Riverside Artist.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.0 Sharpish. 2.35 Tocave Botta. 3.10 Abdoun. 3.40 Teenoso. 4.15 Prickle. 4.45 Karadar. 5.15 Ayman.

Full results from York

Going: Good

2.0 KNAVESMIRE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £4,474: 7f)

BLUSHING SCRIBE ch c by Blushing Groom – Takealetter (S Wong) 9-0 ... P Young (7-1) 1
Mr Meeka ch c by To The Quick – Lochlear (Mrs S Brook) 7-13 ... J Lowe (14-1) 2
Conscript gr g by Warpath – Scrub Oak (Duke of Sutherland) 9-1 ... E Hide (12-1) 3
Idolized br c by Mummy's Pet – Darlinqka (N Blyth) 9-1 ... Paul Eddery (20-1) 4

Also Ran: 9-2 fav Well Covered, 5 Star Spray, 13-2 Maig (5th), 12 My Haven, 14 Forge Close, Jacoran (6th), 25 Catching, Courting Season, Eurycleia, Santal Bandit, K-Battery, Grange of Glory. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win: £8.00. Places: £1.90, £1.50, £1.50, £3.30. DF: £62.90. CSF: £84.76. Tricast: £1,028.82. B Hanbury at Newmarket. Sh hd, 6l. 1m 28.70sec.

2.35 HIGH LINE STAKES (3-y-o: £6,119: 1m 2f 110yd)

ADONIJAH ch c by High Line – Shadow Queen (K Abdulla) 8-9 ... L Piggott (2-5 fav) 1
St Boniface ch c by Halo – Joking Apart (The Queen) 8-9 ... W Carson (5-2) 2
Shackle Pin b c by Sir Wimborne – Countess Babu (H S Commercial Spares Ltd) 8-9 ... E Johnson (33-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £1.20. DF: £1.10. CSF: £1.50. H Cecil at Newmarket. 10l, 20l. 2m 07.33sec. 3 ran

3.10 BENSON AND HEDGES GOLD CUP (Group I: £93,980: 1m 2f 110yd)

CAERLEON b c by Nijinsky – Foreseer (R Sangster) 3-8-10 ... Pat Eddery (100-30 fav) 1
Hot Touch b c by Moulton – Fairly Hot (E Moller) 3-8-10 ... S Cauthen (5-1) 2
John French ch c by Relko – Anegada (C St George) 3-8-10 ... L Piggott (5-1) 3

Also Ran: 7-2 Gorytus (4th), 10 Electric (5th), Guns of Navarone (6th), 13 Burslem, 20 Prima Voce, 100 Welsh Idol. 9 ran.

TOTE: Win: £3.60. Places: £1.90, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £10.90. CSF: £17.85. M V O'Brien in Ireland. Nk, 1½l. 2m 16.35sec. NR: Shareef Dancer.

3.40 YORKSHIRE OAKS (3-y-o fillies: Group I: £39,588: 1m 4f)

SUN PRINCESS b f by English Prince – Sunny Valley (Sir M Sobell) 9-0 ... W Carson (6-5 fav) 1
Green Lucia ch f by Green Dancer – Cockade (G Jennings) 9-0 ... Pat Eddery (12-1) 2
Give Thanks br f by Relko – Parthica (Mrs O White) 9-0 ... D Gillespie (7-4) 3

Also Ran: 10 Acclimatise (4th), 18 Current Raiser (5th), 25 Lady Dara (6th). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win: £1.90. Places: £1.40, £3.80. DF: £16.40. CSF: £12.83. W Hern at West Ilsley. 4l, 3l. 2m 36.12sec.

4.15 ACOMB STAKES (2-y-o: £6,832: 7f)

ELUSIVE b f by Little Current – Tartan Pimpernel (The Queen) 8-8 ... W Carson (6-1) 1
Axios b c by Shirley Heights – Lady Gaylass (Mrs H Cambanis) 8-11 ... G Baxter (15-2) 2
August b c by Sensitive Prince – Polynesian Charm (K Abdulla) 8-11 ... S Cauthen (4-1) 3

Also Ran: 100-30 fav Young Turk (4th), 5 Bluff House, 8 Fan Club, 20 Cotton Print, 25 Alcinous, 33 Tropare (5th), 50 Connaught Prince (6th), French Nephew, Half Shaft, Cooperholme. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win: £5.10. Places: £1.70, £1.30, £1.40. DF: £17.90. CSF: £44.60. W Hern at West Ilsley. 2l, 3l. 1m 31.22sec.

4.45 MELROSE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £7,703: 1m 6f)

INCREDIBLE IDEA b f by Youth–Fascinating Girl (B McNall) 7-13 ... P Robinson (12-1) 1
Dancing Admiral b c by Julio Mariner–Autumn Ballad (W Gredley) 8-8 ... P Eddery (11-1) 2
Fighter Pilot gr c by Warpath– Brief Flight (G Reed) 7-6 ... A Nesbitt (9-2) 3

Also Ran: 3-1 fav Bedtime (4th), 11-2 Santella King (6th), 8 Absaroka, 10 Putney Bridge, 11 Ring Of Greatness, 16 Amber Heights, 20 Appeal To Me, 25 Pearlpin, 50 Jackdaw (5th), 100 Cast A Shadow. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win: £21.90. Places: £4.20, £3.90, £1.20. DF: £218.70. CSF: £123.31. TRICAST: £824.96. A Stewart at Newmarket. Nk, 1l. 3m 04.39secs.

5.15 HAREWOOD HANDICAP (£4,357: 6f)

MASTER CAWSTON ch c by Cawston's Clown– Teresa Way (J Lomas) 4-8-11 ... S Cauthen (10-1) 1
Oyston Estates gr g by Gold Hill– Port Relic (S Durkin) 7-7-5 ... M Fry (25-1) 2
Anstruther br c Oats–St Tropez (Mrs P Mills) 4-8-12 ... G Baxter (12-1) 3
Battle Hymn b c by Music–Wild Words (Mrs D Abbott) 4-9-7 ... G Starkey (12-1)

Also Ran: 4 fav Alakh, 8 African Tudor, Mel's Choice (6th), 10 Baton, 12 Fairlawne, In Rythm (5th), 14 Bettabet Geraghty, 15 Blessed Silence, 16 Russian Winter, 20 China Gold, Fleet Bay, 25 Lucky Dutch, Sammy Waters. 18 ran.

TOTE: Win: £7.60. Places: £2.10, £4.20, £2.00, £4.30. DF: £332.70. CSF: £218.68. G Wragg at Newmarket. Nk, ¾l. 1m 14.73sec. NR: Sanjarida, Out Of Hand.
TOTE DOUBLE: £23.15. TREBLES: £21.40. JACKPOT: £3,481. PLACEPOT: £58.80.

● Steve Cauthen's appeal against an eight-day suspension for careless riding at Salisbury last week will be heard by the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee at York today.

Goodwood acceptors

WATERFORD CRYSTAL MILE (group 2) (1m) Adonijah, Ankara, Aragon, Burslem, by Decree, Commodore Blake, Diesis, Drumalis, Flamenco, Glasson Lady, Gorytus, Guns of Navarone, Hays, Kuwait Tower, Lord Cecil, Montekin, Noalcoholic, Northern Adventure, Prego, Right Dancer, Sackford, Sandhurst Prince, Schuss, Silverdip, Spanish Place, Tecorno, That's My Son, The Noble Player, Tolomeo, Valiyar Wassl. (To be run Goodwood August 27).

Great Yarmouth

Draw advamtage: none

Tote: Double 3.15, 4.15. Treble 2.45, 3.45, 4.45

2.15 BOTTON BROTHERS STAKES (ladies: £1,293: 1m 6f) (10 runners)

2 0431 CARO NOME A Bailey 4-10-5 ... Sharon Murgatroyd 8
3 0000 ICE G Thorner 5-10-5 ... Sara Wickins 3 5
5 0013 PASS TO PARADISE (C) G P-Gordon 4-9-12 ... Maxine Carvalho 1
6 00-04 GORSKY B Richmond 7-9-11 ... Jane Barrow 3 2
7 013 BOYNE (D) P Walwyn 3-9-9 ... Franca Vittadini 7
8 002 LYSISTRE R Hobson 4-9-8 ... – 4
9 0323 BIG OAR (B) S Norton 3-9-6 ... Jenny Goulding 6
11 041 IVELOSTMYWAY (CD) L Cumani 3-9-5 ... Sara Cumani 3 3
12 2333 POWERSAVER LAD M Jarvis 3-9-3 ... Gay Arber 3 10
14 0-4 ENDOW F Durr 3-9-0 ... Claire O'Shea 3 9

9-4 Caro Nome, 11-4 Ivelostmyway, 7-2 Boyne, 9-2 Big Oar, 8 Pass To Paradise, 12 others.

2.45 PLEASURE BEACH STAKES (2-y-o: selling: £704: 15f 25yd) (11)

1 0002 ABLE DAN P Brookshaw 8-11 ... G Duffield 3
– 2 FAIRMILE GAMBLER J Berry 8-11 ... S Morris 3 7
8 0003 MIKEV A Bailey 8-11 ... P Bloomfield 5 8
9 040 SHERPA BOY (B) C Spares 8-11 ... N Day 4
10 CAPTIVA J Hindley 8-8 ... M Hills 3 2
11 0000 HEAVENLY PRIDE (B) G Blum 8-8 ... – 9
12 00 LADY SCOTT H Collingridge 8-8 ... M Rimmer 3 10
13 0040 LONACH COTTAGE J Douglas-Home 8-8 ... DOUBTFUL 7
14 00 MAREEMA D Thom 8-8 ... J Matthias 6
16 RICHARD'S JOY H Westbrook 8-8 ... A Mackay 11
19 0000 WASHBURN FLYER K Ivory 8-8 ... R Street 5

15-8 Fairmile Gambler, 5-2 Mikev, 7-2 Washburn Flyer, 13-2 Able Dan, 10 Sherpa Boy, 14 others.

3.15 FRANK STONE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,110: 6f) (8)

2 2032 NORTHAIR (D) P Walwyn 9-7 ... M Rogan 7 6
3 0310 KRAKOW (C) M Stoute 8-13 ... A Kimberley 7
4 1221 GUNTRIPS CENTENARY (D) G Hunter 8-12 (7 ex) ... J Reid 8
6 4000 SONGROID (B) A Jarvis 8-11 ... B Clements 2
8 2122 MEMORIA IN ETERNA (D) R Baker 8-5 ... G Duffield 4
9 0230 HOT ROLL B Hanbury 8-5 ... – 1
11 0000 SIEBOLDII R Armstrong 8-3 ... D Mackay 5
14 0020 ELMDON (D) J Winter 8-2 ... M Hills 3 3

9-4 Guntrips Centenary, 3 Memoria In Eterna, 7-2 Northair, 9-2 Krakow, 8 Hot Roll, 12 others.

3.45 HALL QUAY STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,035: 7f) (12)

1 44 ARAFY Thomson Jones 8-11 ... T Rogers 7
4 02 CALYPSO QUEEN A Jarvis 8-11 ... B Clements 10
5 0 CHANNEL AFFAIR P Cole 8-11 ... J Reid 5
7 030 CRI DE COEUR F Durr 8-11 ... A Weiss 7 3
11 0 ESCARENE R Armstrong 8-11 ... P Tulk 2
14 GAME FOR A LAUGH A Stewart 8-11 ... M Banner 11
15 0 GENZYME GENE D Dale 8-11 ... R Cochrane 6
20 LADY TOPKNOT L Cumani 8-11 ... R Guest 1
22 0 MISS HIPPO M Stoute 8-11 ... R Lines 5 8
29 0 SCARLET PARTY M Jarvis 8-11 ... V Smith 7 12
30 0 SENANE H Cecil 8-11 ... – 4
31 023 SHADILIYA M Stoute 8-11 ... A Kimberley 9

11-10 Senane, 7-2 Shadiliya, 9-2 Calypso Queen, 7 Miss Hippo, 10 Arafy, 12 Escarene, 16 others.

4.15 LONGSHORE HANDICAP (£1,774: 7f) (8)

1 1221 VATICAN WAY (D) M Stoute 3-10-2 (6 ex) ... K Bradshaw 7 5
2 0000 MAMUNIA (CD) L Cumani 3-9-9 ... R Guest 7
3 3100 TROOPER SERGEANT (CD) G Huffer 4-9-8 ... B Crossley 6
6 0430- BRANKSOME TOWERS E Eldin 3-9-0 ... A Mackay 3
7 0000 KING OF SPEED (CD) D Weeden 4-8-12 ... G Duffield 1
8 0111 HABAT RAAPHORST (D) M Ryan 4-8-11 (6 ex) ... C Allen 7 4
12 00-03 PATINATION A Bailey 3-8-0 ... D Moore 7 8
14 0003 LINDA'S ROMEO R Armstrong 3-7-9 ... M Hills 3 2

13-8 Habat Raaphorst, 5-2 Vatican Way, 7-2 Trooper Sergeant.

4.45 EVE STAKES (3-y-o: maidens: apprentice: £1,033: 1m) (11)

1 2430 FATHER BILL R Sheather 9-0 ... S Jewell 2
3 0-000 HAYMAN J Hindley 9-0 ... A Schoults 5 8
5 000-0 KYROOTA M Tompkins 9-0 ... R Carter 5 5
9 00-C0 RONNIYA R Armstrong 9-0 ... S Dennison 7
10 03-00 AFRICAN DREAM P Cole 8-11 ... S Keightley 10
11 000 AMANZIMTOTI G Hunter 8-11 ... R Lines 6
12 0800 BECTIVE BABY G Huffer 8-11 ... W Morris 9
13 000-0 BOLD THOUGHTS A Jarvis 8-11 ... C Sleers 3
20 0-002 LUCY RAYNALDS P Kelleway 8-11 ... Gay Kelleway 11
22 00 NOBLE BLOOD L Cumani 8-11 ... J Blake 4
25 0- VAMMERLERTS QUILP D Thom 8-11 ... A Weiss 1

11-4 Lucy Raynalds, 7-2 Noble Blood, 9-2 Amanzimtoti.

5.15 COBHOLM STAKES (maidens: £1,035: 1m 2f) (10)

4 0-002 CENTIMETER L Cumani 3-8-8 ... J Reid 4
6 00-4 MARLOWSWOOD M Prescott 3-8-8 ... G Duffield 1
8 00-00 MODUPE I Walker 3-8-8 ... P Colquhoun 2
9 NATIVE BIDDER M Stoute 3-8-8 ... A Kimberley 5
10 0023 ON THE FOAN F Durr 3-8-8 ... A Weiss 7 6
12 2000 REGAL EXPRESS P Kelleway 3-8-8 ... M Kettle 7
14 0000 TARLETON ELM I Walker 3-8-8 ... A Clark 3 10
17 WALHAM J Hindley 3-8-8 ... M Hills 3 9
18 2-300 AMPHITHEATRE M Jarvis 3-8-5 ... P Young 3
19 03-03 GENTLE DOWN G Hunter 3-8-5 ... T Rogers 8

15-8 Native Bidder, 11-4 Marlowswood, 4 Centimeter.

5.40 HALL QUAY STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,035: 7f) (12)

2 BANNA'S RETREAT A Stewart 8-11 ... C Coughlin 7 7
3 2 BUSHY TOP D Morley 8-11 ... G Duffield 8
12 ESTUARY J Winter 8-11 ... P Hamblett 3
13 0 FREE GUEST L Cumani 8-11 ... J Reid 11
15 0 HUMBERSIDE LADY G Huffer 8-11 ... M Rimmer 3 9
18 KINZ N Callaghan 8-11 ... – 2
21 0 LITTLE EGRET R Armstrong 8-11 ... S Dennison 7 12
23 00 NATURAL LOVE R Hobson 8-11 ... – 5
24 NORTHERN COMFORT M Stoute 8-11 ... M Giles 4
27 2234 ROSANA PARK E Eldin 8-11 ... A Mackay 1
32 STARLIGHT LADY H Cecil 8-11 ... J Higgins 6
33 22 TAPACULO B Hanbury 8-11 ... P Young 10

6-4 Starlight Lady, 9-4 Northern Comfort, 4 Bushy Top.

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2.15 Caro Nome. 2.45 Mikev. 3.15 Guntrips Centenary. 3.45 Calypso Queen. 4.15 Vatican Way. 4.45 Father Bill. 5.15 Marlowswood. 5.40 Busby Top.

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7.15 Ivelostmyway. 2.15 Captiba. 3.15 Krakow. 3.45 Arafy. 4.15 Habat Raaphorst. 4.45 Noble Blood. 5.15 Native Biddles. 5.40 Tapachlo.

Devon & Exeter

2.45 SIGMA PAINTS HURDLE (Div I novices: £508: 2m 1f) (8 runners)

1 2p-01 GOLDEN MATCH (CD) J Baker 5-11-5 ... J Williams
2 b3-13 KYOTO (CD) J Jenkins 5-11-5 ... J Francome
5 0-p DOLBEARE LAD D Tucker 5-11-0 ... S McNeill
9 00010- COSMIC J Old 5-10-9 ... S Morshead
10 00/00 HI DARLIN' H Manners 6-10-9 ... Mr S Bush 7
11 SWEET AS PIE K Bailey 7-10-9 ... M Perrett
12 0u-0 HAWAIIAN HEIR W Clay 4-10-7 ... R Hatfield 7
13 0034- STORTON M Oliver 4-10-7 ... P Hobbs

7-4 Kyoto, 3 Storton, 4 Golden Match, 7 Cosmic, 8 Sweet As Pie, 10 Hawaiian Heir, 16 others.

3.15 CITY OF EXETER CHASE (handicap: £1,562: 3m 1f) (6)

2 33pu- JOINT VENTURE (D) J Old 14-11-7 ... S Morshead
4 2330- TOPEKA J Oliver 7-11-4 ... P Hobbs
5 20-33 PARCELSTOWN (B) D Gandolfo 6-11-2 ... P Barton
6 40pp- THE OMMAROO (B) G Small 10-10-9 ... C Brown
10 0pp-3 FRIAR TUCK (CD) D R Tucker 7-10-0 ... S McNeill
11 u/ HARTLEY HILL Mrs J Barrow 12-10-0 ... J Burke

10-11 Parcelstown, 7-2 Topeka, 6 Joint Venture, 8 Friar Tuck, 12 The Ommaroo, 14 Hartley Hill.

3.45 SIR REGINALD LEEDS HURDLE (handicap: £1,107: 2m 1f) (6)

1 00-02 OSCAR WILDE (B) J Jenkins 6-11-13 ... J Francome
3 000-1 ALEOS (CD) J Old 6-10-10 (5 ex) ... Mr Whettam 4
5 0-004 BANNOCKBURN A Chamberlain 7-10-0 ... Mr Chamberlain
9 000-0 LUXURIATE (B) I Wardle 6-10-0 ... S Smith Eccles
11 f44-03 NOTTER MILL (CD) T Hallett 10-10-0 ... L Bloomfield 4
14 0p-43 GALLANT RELIC (B) (CD) J George 8-10-0 ... P Hobbs

5-4 Aleos, 3 Oscar Wilde, 5 Luxuriate, 8 Notter Mill, 10 Gallant Relic, 14 Bannockburn.

4.15 TOPSHAM HURDLE (selling: £510: 2m 1f) (6)

2 3/p00- GAY MINSTREL D Tucker 5-11-3 ... S McNeill
4 pp-00 RESTLESS CAPTAIN R Hodges 5-11-3 ... –
5 00-23 SCOT BENNETT (B) J Jenkins 5-11-3 ... J Francome
7 SAULINGO SONG R Hodges 4-11-0 ... C Gray 4
10 000-4 MOSS WALK J King 5-10-12 ... Steve Knight
14 0-0 ONCE BITTEN O O'Neill 4-10-9 ... J Sutham

8-11 Scot Bennett, 4 Moss Walk, 6 Once Bitten, 10 Saulingo Song, 14 Restless Captain, 20 Gay Minstrel.

4.45 SIGMA PAINTS HURDLE (Div II: £493: 2m 1f) (2)

3 300-1 CHIEF BLACKFOOT (CD) J Old 4-10-12 ... S Morshead
11 u03- METRO MAID W Clay 4-10-2 ... Smith Eccles

1-4 Chief Blackfoot, 3 Metro Maid.

5.15 HALDON HILL CHASE (handicap amateurs: £1,008: 2m 1f) (12)

1 4000- MY BUCK G Gaines 11-11-10 ... P Clarke 7
2 12pf- FABIAN SONG (CD) L Thomas 12-11-7 ... G Edwards 7
3 3300- SHOTANG R Perkins 8-10-11 ... D Williams 4
4 pfp-u KNIGHT OF LOVE H Manners 8-10-10 ... S Bush 7
6 301-4 CHELSEA BAR P Baileyu 9-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 7
9 s00p- SHOOT THE LIGHTS (CD) G Stickland 12-10-0 ... Miss Waterman 7
10 p/3p-3 ZAGROS P Cundell 9-10-0 ... A Sharpe 4
11 p00/3 ZORO R Williams 8-10-0 ... Miss Hyde 7
12 0464- SAN BENITO W R Williams 6-10-0 ... Miss Gelding 7
13 000/0- HIGHFIELD Mrs J Evans 6-10-0 ... S King 7
14 00fp/ FILEPSO R Williams 7-10-0 ... W Beale 7
15 00b0- SCOTTISH HIGHWAY M Castell 7-10-0 ... C Lees 7

5-2 Zagros, 3 Chelsea Bar, 4 Zoro, 6 Shotang, 8 Fabian Song, 10 San Benito, 12 others.

Devon selections

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2.45 Kyoto. 3.15 Topeka. 3.45 Luxuriate. 4.15 Moss Walk. 4.45 Chief Blackfoot. 5.15 Knight Of Love.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHING: Queen Elizabeth II Stakes Ascot: Kuwait Tower. Doncaster Cup Doncaster: Alfred Douglas. Vernons Sprint Cup Haydock: Stratophere, Propositioning Bold Secret. Park Hill Stakes Doncaster: Quickening Dawn. Esal Bookmakers Stakes Handicap Doncaster: Frantenols.

Folkestone results

Going: Firm

1.45 DANES STAKES (2-y-o: maiden fillies: £959: 5f)

INSET LADY b f by Hittite Glory–Miss Jack (Miss C Coyne) 8-11 ... A Bond (5-1 jt-fav) 1
Open Up ... W Newnes (5-1 jt-fav) 2
Real Silver ... C Rodrigues (7-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £6.00. Places: £1.30, £1.90, £2.50. DF: £7.00. CSF: £29.73. M Ryan at Newmarket. ¾l, 1½l. Gangtion (6-1) 4th. 18 ran. NR: Working Gold.

2.15 WARREN STAKES (Maidens: £693: 1m 7f 100yd)

SADDAM b c by Persian Bold–Peperonia (A Saleh) 3-8-6 ... W Newnes (5-4 fav) 1
Le Tajarah ... J Matthias (33-1) 2
Al Ahmar ... R Fox (13-8) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.20. Places: £1.30, £3.60. DF: £28.40. CSF: £20.94. F Durr at Newmarket. 2l, 2l. Swift Service (7-2) 4th. 5 ran.

2.45 LEAS STAKES (Selling: £595: 1m 2f)

SWIFT TURTLE ch f by Le Bavard–Eileen Li Fox) 4-8-6 ... R Lines (13-8 fav) 1
The Bru ... A Barclay (5-2) 2
Easterly Gael ... D McKeown (3-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.50. Places: £1.40, £1.60. DF: £5.40. CSF: £6.11. J Fox at Amesbury. 1l, 2½l. Solar Tempress (6-1) 4th. 6 ran. NR: Maids Vale. No bid.

3.15 CHERITON HANDICAP (£1,111: 1m 4f)

ANKI TAVI b c by Monsanto– Goosie-Gantlet (A Boon) 3-8-9 ... R Hills (5-2) 1
Nautseous ... J Mercer (7-4 fav) 2
Norfolk Flight ... R Curant (8-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £2.90. Places: £2.10, £1.90. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.21. B Hills at Lambourn. 7l, 1½l. Oressitos (9-4) 4th. 6 ran.

3.45 CANTERBURY HANDICAP (£1,097: 7f)

MR ROSE b g by Whitefield– Bergamza (B Bates) 3-7-7 ... A Proud (16-1) 1
Match Master ... R Hills (3-1 fav) 2
Dancer's Emulation ... J Mercer (13-2) 3

TOTE: Win: £21.00. Places: £3.80, £1.60, £2.70. DF: £38.80. CSF: £82.21. TRICAST: £329.90. Lightbrown at Leicester. 1½l, 1l. Chad's Gamble fin 3rd, disq plcd 4th.

4.15 RADNOR HANDICAP (£958: 1m 2f)

SHALLAAL c h c by Honest Pleasure– Grass Court (Sheikh Mohammed) 4-8-5 ... R Fox (11-2) 1
Big Pal ... A Collison (4-1) 2
Craigour ... B Rouse (16-1) 3

TOTE: Win: £9.30. Places: £2.50, £1.60, £3.80. DF: £38.90. CSF: £27.68. J Dunlop at Arundel. 1½l, 3l. Mullet (11-4) 4th. 9 ran. PLACEPOT: £46.55.

● Len Lightbrown, who has gained a wealth of racing experience during his career, landed his first success as a trainer when Mr Rose brought off a gamble for connexions at Folkestone yesterday. Lightbrown, who trains nine horses at Leicester, spent eleven years with Towser Gosden at Lewes. He was also with Gordon Smyth and saddled Charlottown when that horse won the 1966 Derby.

Cowdrey: prefers the unorthodox route

Entertainer following in father's footsteps

Chris Cowdrey is out to make a name for himself

By Michael Field

There have been times in his career when Christopher Cowdrey could have quite willing changed his name. Like so many sons who follow famous fathers, he has been burdened with comparisons.

"It has been annoying an all rather pointless", Cowdrey said. "There's no point in comparing chalk and cheese. My father was on a different plane to me technically- ... but his game was geared to the long innings; mine is based more on the one-day game."

Colin Cowdrey played in 114 Test Matches, more than any other cricketer, and is the third highest run scorer of all time: a difficult act to follow, as his eldest son has discovered ever since he first played for the Kent Second Eleven when aged 15, and a Tonbridge schoolboy.

"I was expected to play the same way, but how could I possibly emulate that brilliant technique", he said. "I've often been criticised for my method, which some people see as unorthodox ... although unkinder words have been used! But in the modern game you have to play shots ... you have to entertain and so attack is uppermost in your mind. Spectators aren't as keen to see the sort of long innings my father was so very good at."

No one can deny Chris Cowdrey's ability to play shots. His century at Chelmsford last month, which brought Kent to an unlikely victory over Essex in the second round of the NatWest Trophy, was vintage one-day entertainment. A fortnight later he was top scorer again as Kent crushed Warwickshire in the quarter-final at Canterbury. His imperious six off the fast bowler Willie Hogg, which soared into the crowd on the midwicket boundary, was followed by an audacious, lunging cover drive which most mortals would not have reached. Both were shots beyond the imagination of his father.

"Those two innings were absolutely vital to Kent", the Kent manager, Brian Luckhurst, said. "What impressed me was his maturity and authority. He played himself in ... took the quick singles and accelerated brilliantly. They were perfect examples of how a one day innings should be compiled."

Luckhurst is full of admiration for the way in which Cowdrey has overcome the setbacks in his career and risen to the challenge this year. After an indifferent season last year, followed by losing the captaincy battle to Chris Tavaré, there were rumours that Cowdrey was leaving the county to seek his fortune elsewhere. But he bit his lip and stuck it out . . . a courageous decision which has reaped its rewards. He is enjoying his best season, for apart from his success in the one-day competitions he has already scored more runs in the county championship than he did in the whole of 1982.

"I have tightened up my game and I'm playing straighter", he said. "But I'm still doing it my way. I was bitterly disappointed not to get the captaincy ... wherever I've played I seem to have been captain. It's a part of the game I love.

"So I decided it was time to analyse my game. When I was in Australia in the winter I set myself a stiff fitness routine, lost over a stone and started to work on all aspects of my game, including bowling and fielding, to make myself a more complete cricketer.

"It's no longer relevant to compare me with my father. People no longer ask me if he advises me – because it's obvious he doesn't ... or if he does that I'm taking no notice! I'm also now beginning to benefit from my name. I've been making hundreds and they've been given more prominence than if I were plain Joe Bloggs."

Cowdrey has proved himself good enough for his county, and his next aim is to play for England. In the meantime he is casting a wary glance over his shoulder at a 20 year-old batsman who has just joined the Kent staff and is making a stack of runs in the second eleven. The player's name is Graham Cowdrey, third son of Colin, who could be playing for the first team by the end of the season. "I shan't mind", said Chris Cowdrey. "As long as he isn't taking my place."

Close's selection

The West Indians, Michael Holding, Collis King and Franklyn Stephenson will play for Brian Close's XI against the New Zealanders in a three-day match at Scarborough starting on August 31.

ATHLETICS: THE BATTLE CONTINUES AT THE EUROPEAN CUP FINAL

The newly-crowned princes take golden ways to the Palace

By Pat Butcher

More than half the world championship gold medal winners are expected at Crystal Palace this weekend, when Steve Cram leads a British team looking to repeat the European Cup final success they scoredin Zagreb in 1981. They had their best ever performance in the bi-annual competition in that year, and finished third in the men's event, and equal third on points with the West German women, and only conceded the place on the countback of individual winners.

Cram has decided to contest the 1,500 metres, his world championship gold medal event, in the competition which allows only one athlete per country in each event. Cram's decision means that Steve Ovett will not be running, a disapointment for everyone, including the event's spondors, U-Bix, who also have Ovett on an individual contract.

Ovett turned down the chance of running in the 5,000 metres, telling Bill Evans, the British Amateur Athletic Board chairman, who offered him the place, that his training was not geared to that event. Ovett did not ask to run in the 800 metres, though many had expected him to. He said that he thought Peter Elliott was the evident choice.

Cram was the substitute for an injured Ovett two year ago in Zagreb in the 1,500 metres, when the finished third. But he will be an obvious favourite for his event, which is on Saturday, the same day that Fatima Whitbred, a silver medal winner in Helsinki, will be throwing the javelin.

Finland did not reach either of the finals, so Miss Whitbread will not get the opportunity of a return match against Tiina Lillak, who beat her to the gold medal on her last throw of the world championships competition. But there will be several quick return matches for marginal losers, among them Werner Schildhauer of East Germany against Alberto Cova of Italy in the 10,000 metres, which is also on the first day.

In Helsinki, as in Athens last year in the European championships, Cova came from behind on the last lap, as if in slow motion, to pip Schildhauer for the gold. The reaction to such supreme efforts is often finishing down the field in the next race, but with the system of one athlete per country in each event, and his team mates yelling to remind him of it, patriotism could help Cova find the reserves for another winning sprint finish.

Daley Thompson, Britain's only other gold medal winner from Helsinki, declined the offer of the place in the long jump, explaining that his efforts in winning the decathlon had exhausted him. The place in the 5,000 metres has been given to Steve Harris, who won the World University Games championship at that distance, but just failed to qualify for Helsinki, even though he also won the AAA title. Harris ran into his best form a little late, but this can be put to best use now.

Keith Connor will be party to another interesting confrontation in the triple jump. Connor was widely expected to win the event in Helsinki, but final exams and his relatively shallow year in training, which is designed to bring success in next year's Olympic Games, conspired to bring about Connor's failure to qualify for the Helsinki final. Zdzislaw Hoffman of Poland produced one of the best performances of the championships, improving with each of his six jumps, to overtake Willie Banks for the gold medal in this event.

Allan Wells should need no urging, especially in the 200 metres. Wells has been nominated for both sprints, but in the longer one he will find Pietro Mennea of Italy, who has beaten Wells by a total of two-hudredth of a second in their last two major confrontations. The Italian won the Olympic gold by the one fraction in Moscow, leaving Wells with the silver. Then last Sunday, Mennea again beat Wells by the slightest possible margin, this time for the bronze medal. Wells was thus relegated to his second fourth place of the championships.

There is no possibility of Britain challenging the prospective winners of the week-end events, the Soviet Union or East Germany, but the West German men are the perennial targets for third place, and but for one woman – Jarmila Kratochvilova – Britain's women ould be vying for third as well. There is some confusion as to which three individual events, out of 100, 200, 400 and 800 metres, plus the two relays, that Miss Kratochvilova will contest, but she will surely be a one-woman strike force.

MEN: 100 metres, 200 metres: A Wells. 400 metres: P Brown. 800 metres: P Elliott. 1,500 metres: S Cram. 5,000 metres: S Harris. 10,000 metres: S Jones. 3,000 metres steeplechase: C Reitz. 110 metres hurdles: M Holtom. 400 metres hurdles: S Sole. High jump: G Parsons. Long jump: J Herbert. Triple jump: K Connor. Javelin: D Ottley. Shot: M Winch. Pole Vault: K Stock. Discus: A Weir. Hammer: C Black. 4 x 100 metres relay: C Sharp; D Reid, M McFarlane, L Asquith. 4 x 400 metres relay (from): K Akabusi, A Bennett, T Bennett, P Brown, G Cook.

WOMEN: 100 metres, 200 metres: K Cook. 400 metres: M Scutt. 800 metres: S Bailey. 1,500 metres: W Sly. 3,000 metres: J Furniss. 100 metres hurdles: S Strong. 400 metres hurdles: S Morley. High jump: G Evans. Long jump: B Kinch. Javelin: F Whitbread. Discus: M Ritchie. Shot: V Head. 4 x 100 metres relay (from): J Baptiste, K Cook, B Callender, S Thomas, H Oakes. 4 x 400 metres relay (from): H Barnett, A Bridgman, K Cook, J Hoyte-Smith, M Scutt.

● Thirteen world champions from Helsinki, among them Carl Lewis and Eamonn Coghlan, are competing in the international permit meeting in West Berlin this evening. Lewis, the triple gold medal winner in Helsinki, will contest the 100 metres against his team colleagues, Calvin Smith and Emmit King, who won silver and bronze medals behind him.

Coghlan, Ireland's first gold medal winner in a major championships since Ron Delaney won the Olympic 1500 metres in 1956, runs the mile, and Ed Moses embarks on his 82nd staright victory in the 400 metres hurdles. Also competing are Mary Decker, Tiina Lillak, Bert Cameron; Willi Wulbeck, Edward Sarul and Zdzislaw Hoffmann, take part en route to the European Cup final at Crystal Palace on Saturday and Sunday.



Connor: hope, step and jump

Kenyan seeks inquiry

Nairobi (Reuter). – Isiah Kiplagat, the secretary of the Kenyan Amateur Athletic Association, has called for an official investigation into the poor showing of Kenya at the world championships in Helsinki. "We have always prided ourselves as a leading athletics nation in Africa, and to return home empty-handed is a disgrace," he told reporters on his return from the championships.

"Our athletes have shamed us and we must find out why," he said, demanding an inquiry to examine the medal famine after the athletes turned in world-class times at meetings in West Germany and Hungary before the championships.

CYCLING

Tour man takes to world stage

By John Wilcockson

Two Glasgow cyclists, the professional Robert Millar and the amateur James McGahan, are in the British team for the world championship road races at Altenrhein, Switzerland, from August 31 to September 4.

Millar, the Tour de France stage winner, competes in the 270-kilometre professional road race, the final event of the series. With him will ride another Tour de France finisher, Graham Jones, and the two track pursuiters, Sean Yates and Tony Doyle.

Because the professionals are having to pay their own way, only three others have been nominated: the members of the Moducal team, Steve Joughin, Dudley Hayton and Mick Morrison, whose sponsor will foot their bill.

McGahan receives his first world championship place at the expense of the talented Liverpool amateur, Joseph McLoughlin, who is first reserve. The other five members of the team for the 180-kilometre amateur championship are established internationals.

Mandy Jones will defend her world title in the four-lap 60-kilometres women's road race, backed by the experienced Catherine Swinnerton and two relative newcomers, Judith Painter and Helen Edwards.

The make-up of Britain's quartet in the 100-kilometres team time trial will be determined after a training session this evening.

SELECTIONS: Professional road race: R Millar, G Jones, A Doyle, S Yates, S Joughin, M Morrison, D Hayton. Amateur road race: M Elliott, C Wreghitt, N Martin P Sanders, P Longbottom, J McGahan. Women's road race: A Jones, C Swinnerton, J Painter, H Edwards. Team time trial (from): Elliott, Sanders, D Webster, S Poulter and K Reynolds.

RUGBY LEAGUE: THE MAN BEHIND KENT INVICTA

A 'hip' chairman out on a limb

When policemen start to look younger than you, it is time to start worrying, but when the chairman of a Rugby League club looks younger, it is time for serious panic to set in, Paul Faires, the chairman of the Rugby League's newly-elected club, Kent Invicta, is not only aged 29, and not only runs a record business, but also spent the golden years of his youth as a disc jockey on the pirate radio station, Radio Caroline.

What is more, he is a dyed-in-the-wool Southerner. "I went to watch Fulham Rugby League club as a joke. But I was mesmerized", he said. That was three and a half years ago, and being a hip young go-getter of a fellow, he thought Rugby League was suitable for an immediate transplant to the garden of England.

Smoking a real chairman-of-the-board cigar, but wearing a tee-shirt bearing the legend "New York Mets" and faded blue jeans, this child of the Sixties, who earns his money by providing addicts with such items of palaeontological interest as records by Iron Butterfly, is a bona fide enthusiast.

"I want to sell the sport to the local people. The match ball for our first game against Cardiff on Sunday will be brought to the pitch by parachute. We plan to have majorettes and Kentish Morris dancers. After all, this is Kent. But the ultimate thing is the 80 minutes of action.

"People ask me: why Rugby League, instead of Rugby Union? I quote the old Rugby League joke: 'In Rugby Union, the spectators get the ball more often than the players'. League is all action. It is a ball-handling game. The tackles are clean and all out in the open. There is none of that hiding under a pile of bodies, the dirty play that goes on unseen, the stamping on heads, that makes Rugby Union, I believe, a game of cowardice and thuggery."

Mr Faires is hoping an 8,000 crowd will come – out of curiosity – to the first match, and hopes from this to enrapture a regular following of 2,500 a match. Kent Invicta are quoted at 25-1 for the second division championship. "If we finish eighth or above, I will be pleased. But morale is so high at the moment, we have managed to sign so many good first division players, we have such a superb coach, Bill Goodman, that there are times I believe we will do much better than that.

"I find it incredible that all this has happened. I'm a nervous wreck. But I also think we have pulled off one of the greatest sporting coups of all time". Mr. Faires's cigar had gone out. He relit and dreamed his high dreams about the Rugby League ball that would fall from haven at his prompting, into the fair fields of Kent.

Simon Barnes

Now Belfast team may join League

By Keith Macklin

An attempt by a consortium of businessmen to launch a rugby team in Blefast, was announced yesterday by David Oxley, the League's secretary, Speaking at a lunch in Blackburn, which a three-year £270,000 contract for sponsorship of the championship and premembership was confirmed, Mr Oxley said the businessmen had shown more than a passing interest and were inspired by the sport's following on television

Mr Oxley was enthusiastic not only to report that other areas in Britain were considering the formation of teams but also about the "exiting impact" of the game's new international laws.

Already clubs and players are enthusing about the laws, particularly the release of the ball on the sixth tackle, and giving of the loose head and feed to the attacking side at a scrummage. "These will make for attacking, 80-minute rugby and will favour those sides who wish to open up play and attack, Mr Oxley said.

Referees have been instructed to tidy up the play the ball rule and to make sure that the ball is brought cleanly and properly into play after a tackle. Referees will be under the scrunity of experts this season, with assessors at each game to back up clubs reports.

With new laws in operation, and winter tours from the Australian champions, Queensland, and the New Zealand Maoris, a magnificent season is in prospect.

The £270,000 sponsorship will be provided by the Blackburn based brewery, Matthew Brown. Of this sum £59,000 will be invested in the League's capital development fund.

FOOTBALL: Leeds United asked the Football Association to help them collect £35,000 still owed for Alex Sabella. He returned to Argentina in January 1982 but only £65,000 of £100,000 fee agreed with Estudcantes has been paid.

EQUESTRIANISM

Onus falls on women

By Jenny MacArthur

Michael Tucker's General Bugle is out of the team for the European three day event championships this week at Frauenfeld in Switzerland, after striking into himself during a gallop on Monday. Tucker is replaced by Loran Clarke, with Danville, who were already competing as individuals.

This leaves an all famale team to defend Britain's European title, and only one individual rider – Rachel Bayliss, with Mystic Minstrel. The only other male member, Richard Meade, with Kilcashel, had already pulled out.

It is a bitter blow for Tucker, who flew out to Switzerland on Sunday after commentating for BBC television at the Midland Bank championships at Locko Park. He had worked unstintingly to prepare the home-bred General Bugle, and well deserved his place in the team after coming second at Badmington and sixth at Holker Hall, the final trial.

The only consolation for the Gloucestershire farmer aged 38, is that General Bugle is only eight and should have many years ahead of him in top level competition.

Miss Clarke, from Berkshire, has a wealth of experience in eventing. She first won the Burghley horse trials in 1967, riding the coloured horse Popadom. Like Tucker, she spent many years "knocking at the door" but did not have the right horses.

YACHTING

Storming to victory

By John Nicholls

For the second windy day in succession, Ian Pinnell and Jeremy Hartley were convincing winners at the national 12 class championship at Llandudno yesterday. The race, sponsored by Noble Denton, was the third of six in the series and was another severe test of stamina and skill.

The westerly breeze was probably not as consistently strong as on the previous day but with the course laid closer to the shore, there was more variation in the gusts. Only 52 of the 72 starters completed the three triangular rounds, many capsized repeatedly and two inverted boats were abandoned after their crews were taken off. Eventually the missing boats were recovered, everyone was accounted for and repairs to gear, bodies and morale should put the full fleet back in action today.

Today's race is for the Sir William Burton Trophy, one of the oldest in the dinghy racing calendar. It has been won for the past two seasons by Graham Bailey, who had a useful seventh place yesterday. The runner-up to Bailey on both occasions was John Sears who, with his wife Sarah as crew, is now leading this year's series on points. They were fourth yesterday, after recovering well from a parial capsize at the third rounding of the gybe mark.

Our ahead throughout the race were Pinnell and Hartley, who sailed impressively on the wild, planing reaches. The present sequence of strong winds and lowering skies is clearly to their liking and they will be hoping for something similar today. The Burton race is normally held over a longer course than is usual in dinghy racing. If conditions are unsuitable, it will be postponed until tomorrow.

RESULTS Third Race: Borough of Weymouth Cup: 1, Why Are You (I Pinnell and J Hartley); 2, Isabelle (W Henderson and Miss S Mitchell); 3, Aces High (A And Miss J Shorrock); 4, Bicycle Clips (J and Mrs S Sears); 5, Gillespie (A Edwards and Miss C Hope); 6, Eloisa (R Yeoman and Miss C Jaffe).

● Philip King and Robin Turner, of Wembley sailing club, had their second successive victory in the national championships, sponsored by Merlin Rocket, when they won the third points race at Whistable yesterday. Sailing New Potato, they slipped into the lead at the start of the third reach and stayed there until the gun.

RESULTS: 1, New Potato, P King and R Turner (Wembley SC); 2, Shaved Affair, P Blake and R Taylor (Cookham Reach SC); 3, No Idea, C Rhodes and M Cummings (Hamble River SC); 4, Artur Daley, N Martin and D Webster (Castaways); 5, Passion, J Turner and R Parslow, (Sidmouth SC); 6, Black Adder, P Rowsell and C Owen, (Exe SC).

MOTOR RACING

Hotels back final race

Johannesburg, (Reuter) – A hotel chain have anounced sponsorship of the South African Grand Prix, the final event of this year's world championship.

South African motor racing authorities have struggled for several years to find a sponsor in an effort to keep the race, on October 15, on the Grand Prix calendar.

● Tokyo, (AFP) – Honda, the Japanese firm, announced that an agreement has been concluded with the Williams Grand Prix team to supply Formula One car engines to the British manufacturer for the 1984 season.

Williams, whose current drivers are Keke Rosberg of Finland, the 1982 world champion, Jacques Laffite, a Frenchman, will mount Honda's six-cylinder 1,500cc twin turbo engines on their cars for next year's world Formula One championship races.

Honda returned to Formula One after a break of 15 years, when their new car took part in the British Grand Prix at Siverstone in July, having abruptly withdrawn from all motor racing in 1968. Then, their car, driven by the late Joakim Bonnier of Sweden, was fifth in the Mexican Formula One Grand Prix.

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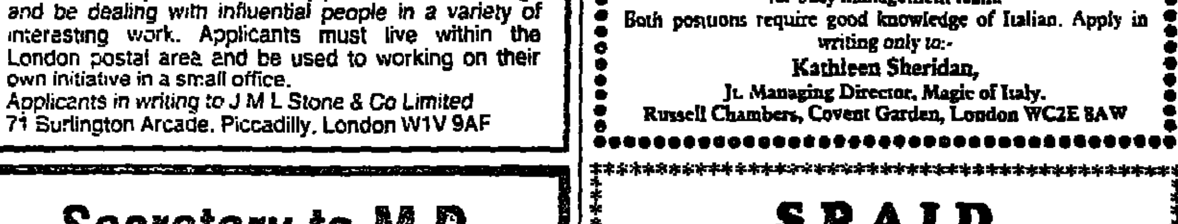
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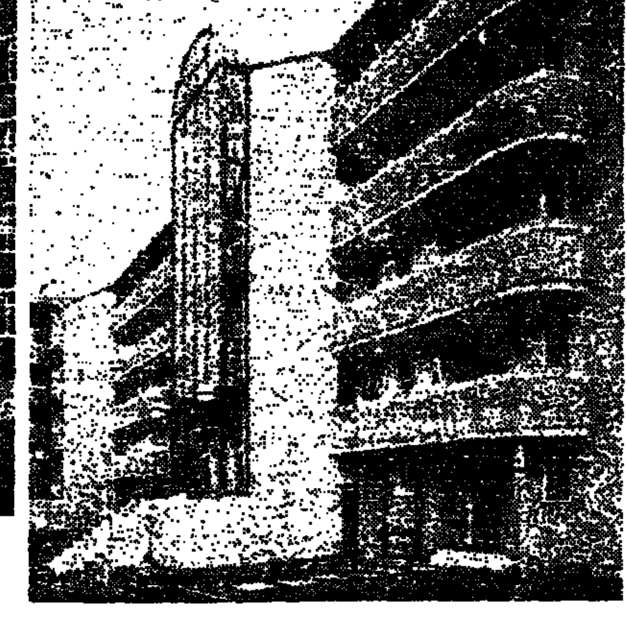
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Before and after. A once decaying inner-city block of council flats (see story), is being refurbished so well that already 124 apartments have been sold at attractive prices. The development, less than a mile from Liverpool's main shopping centre, is proving popular with young couples.

Building to beat the inner-city decay

Less than a mile from Liverpool's main shopping areas is a fine example of what can be done with Britain's decaying inner-city areas. In the midst of an area of near-dereliction, young couples and single professionals are buying homes of their own. Two years ago this would have been inconceivable as the neighbouring Toxteth flared into riot. The resulting devastation spurred government into action: breathing life back into decaying cities became a constant theme for Michael Heseltine, then Environment Secretary. Yet there has been little evidence since that anyone really cares about the inner cities or that big business is prepared to put money in place of platitudes.

Myrtle Gardens, a council complex of more than 300 flats in sight of the Liver birds and the new Roman Catholic cathedral spire, shows exactly what can be done by the private sector if it puts its mind to it and does not mind making less than a huge profit. The complex has been renamed Minister Court and the leading housebuilder, Barratt Developments, using its subsidiary Barratts Urban Renewal, is almost halfway through a refurbishment programme to turn the abandoned and vandalized series of buildings into smart inner-city apartments.

It is hard to imagine decaying council flats becoming "smart apartments", but as the photographs show, Barratts has come close to achieving what many considered impossible. The company has produced some attractive flats and is now selling them. At £12,950 and £16,950, the first phase of 41 flats sold within 48 hours. Another 83 have also been snapped up quickly.

Security has obviously been a big consideration with the mid-1930s flats so they have a 24-hour porter service operating from a gatehouse and the normal telephone entry system at every main entrance to the buildings.

The managing director of Barratt Urban Renewal (Northern), Alan Gladwin, claims the company is making little profit from the scheme. Mr Gladwin, who has been a builder all his working life, assumes the appearance of a born-again crusader taking the private sector into places it has not been for more than 50 years, a role not entirely at ease with the Barratt company image of large profits.

He wants to tackle more projects in Liverpool such as the one he has recently embarked upon in the Mersey suburb of Hailwood, in this case a terrace of double maisonettes acquired from the council. His first act was to tear off the top two floors and develop a terrace of houses with standard room sizes.

Directly across the road is a "before" building and the constrast is startling. Gone is the drab, grey rendering and in its place colourful brick and tiling which stamps "owner-occupier" over the whole complex. Here buyers can acquire four-bedroom homes covering more than 1,000 sq ft for less than £20,000, compared with a new-built version for between £30,000 and £35,000.

Barratts has shown what can be done with the least-promising of projects and there are other examples in city centres. In Edinburgh the council has decided to sell off as many as 700 of its stock to the private sector on the West Pilton Estate in an attempt to revitalize a decaying area. Half the estate is boarded up and vacant. Existing tenants, however, believe the council is admitting defeat by selling houses to the private sector.

Some councils, however, are vehemently against any moves to wholesale privatization of their stock. While they go along with the Government's Right to Buy schemes they prefer build-for-sale programmes rather than donating land to private building companies.

The City of Wakefield Metropolitan District Council is adopting a pragmatic approach to home-ownership. Apart from its programme of council house sales, which has reached 3,000, the council had started its own development projects. They have reached only an experimental stage and the first scheme, a small group of two-bedroom bungalows, has already been released and bought by local buyers. Wakefield's housing information officer Peter Cooper, says the council has a long tradition of building for sale although this latest move is an attempt to take on the private sector face to face.

Though the houses are not cheap, about £24,000 each, the council believes they have been of better quality and roomier than would be attempted by house-building companies.

There is nevertheless an uneasy feeling in some quarters that local authorities should leave building for sale to private companies and concentrate on letting. Generally the argument revolves around creating more jobs and boosting the economy. But Peter Cooper says Waterfield's Normanton project provides work for the council's own staff, such as architects and builders.

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BIRTHS

BOOTHMAN on August 15 in Jersey, to Susan (nee Richardson) and John, a son, James Knox.

BOURNE-ARTON. - On August 15, to Diana and Simon - a daughter, sister to James and Tom.

DAWSON- on August 5th to Lindsay (nee Johnson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Edwina Clare.

de SYBEL - On August 15, at The Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Helen and Oswald, a daughter, Amy, sister to Catherine.

DUNCKLEY. On 12th August 1983 to Sally (nee Fairhead) and Richard, a daughter, Rachel Louise.

HALLAN on 12th August at St. Bartholomew's Hospital to Lesley (nee Rowlands) and Rodney, a son, James Rodney.

JOHNS. - To Daphne (nee Hainsworth) and Derek, a son, Alexander. Born 14th August, stepbrother to Althea and Theodore.

LARGE on August 13, to Judy (nee Barclay) and Hugh, a son, Sam, a brother for Gina.

MITCHELL - On August 13, to Lesley (nee Irvine) and John, a daughter, Alicia Clare, a sister for Jay.

MURDOCH - In Perth, on August 10th, 1983, to Diana and John, a son - Thomas John Henry. From 25 Aug, 9 Oake Court, Portinscale Rd, London, SW15 2HL.

RISSO-GILL - August 12, 1983, to Patricia (nee Norton) and Christopher - a son, Dominic.

SALMON. - On August 9th at University College Hospital to Elaine and Tony - a son, brother for Antonia.

SALT - On August 12 to Julia (nee Richardson) and David, a daughter Freya Louise.

SMITH.-On August 10th, at home, in Cambridge, to Ruth (nee Loughran) and Philip-a son (David Robert), a brother for Rachel.

WELBURN - On August 13th, to Michael and Annie - a daughter (Laura Marie), a sister for Paul, Tommy, Jessica and Jimmy.

WILLIAMS on August 3rd in Bristol to Juliet (nee Dennison) and David, a daughter.

MARRIAGES

WILSON SAUNDERS. - On August 12th, in Somerset, Giles Brian Wilson and Brenda Margaret Saunders (nee Fletcher).

DEATHS

BALLARD - On 10th August at his home on the Isle of Man, Francis Douglas, loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral has taken place at Douglas Crematorium I.O.M. No letters please.

BARKER on August 13, suddenly Clarence Aubrey Woolnough (Mick) aged 77. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 2.30 on August 19. No letters or flowers please but donations if desired to Ralph Reader Memorial Fund, Scout Association, Baden Powell House, Queensgate, London.

BLAKE.-On August 13th, 1983, Elizabeth Gwen (Betty) ... [illegible]

DEATHS

SCOTT D. M. M. - On August 11, suddenly in Dublin, Michael, dearest husband of Anne-Marie, much loved and loving father of Kaleri, Alicia, Christiane and father-in-law of Scott. Religious service and funeral at his home in Luxembourg on August 17. R.I.P.

TORRANCE. - On August 14th, 1983, Hugh, aged 8½ years, peacefully, after a short but hard-fought illness from Encephalitis. Darling son of John and Romany, brother to Harry and Rebecca. Companion to and greatly loved by all who knew him. Funeral service to take place at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Sandyway, at 2.30 pm, on Thursday, August 18th. No flowers please but donations if desired to Ward B2 Special Fund, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool. Inquiries to George Lightfoot, Witton Mews, Northwich Cheshire 2011.

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HOWARTH. Cremation of the late Monica Cecilia Lindsay Howarth (nee Mosse) took place privately in Tunbridge Wells on 5th August 1983. Donations if desired to St Anns Hospice appeal office, Room 26, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GOODWIN. - A memorial service for the Sir Harold Goodwin, late of Manor Farm House, Fairford, Gloucestershire, will be held in St Mary's the Virgin Church, Fairford, Gloucestershire, at 3 p.m. on Thursday, August 25. Tea will be served afterwards at Manor Farm House. No flowers, please. Donations to RAF Benevolent Fund for any remembrance.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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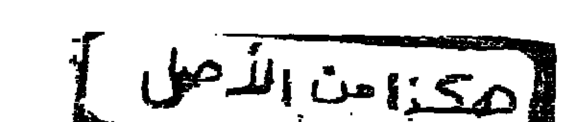
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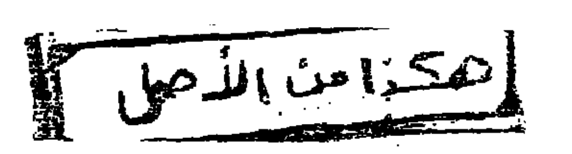
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BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax AM.** News headlines, traffic, weather and sports news. Available to viewers with television sets without the teletext facility.

6.30 **Breakfast Time with Frank Bough and Sue Cook.** News from Debbie Rix at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15;keep fit between 7.32 and 8.32; horoscopes between 8.30 and 8.45; Clare Rayner's Agony Column between 8.30 and 9.00;and food and cooking hints between 8.45 and 9.00.

9.00 **Blue Peter Goes Silver!** With John Noakes, Peter Purves and Lesley Judd on their 1975 jaunt to Turkey (r) **9.25 Jackanory.** Nerys Hughes reads another chapter of Berlie Doherty's How Green You Are! (r) **9.40 The Wombles.** Bernard Cribbins with another tale of subterranean folk (r) **9.45 Why Don't You. . ?** Entertaining ideas for young people from children living in Cardiff (r) **10.10** Closedown.

10.25 **Cricket:** The NatWest Bank Trophy. Live coverage of both semifinal matches, introduced by Peter West and Tony Lewis. The commentators for these 60-overs-a-side matches are Richie Benaud, Jim Laker, Tom Graveney and Christopher Martin-Jenkins. There is further coverage of the games on this channel at 1.45 and on BBC2 at 10.55, 1.20 and 5.35 with highlights at 11.15. Interval at 12.50.

1.00 **News After Noon 1.27** Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report) **1.30 King Rollo** (r) **1.35 Bric-a-Brac** (r).

1.45 **Cricket.** Further coverage of the semifinal matches in the NatWest Bank Trophy. Introduced by Peter West and Tony Lewis. **4.18** Regional News (not London).

4.20 **Play School.** Shown earlier on BBC2. **4.45 Cartoon:** Boss Cat. **5.05 John Craven's Newsround. 5.10 Children of Destiny.** Prince Leopold's Niece. (r).

5.40 **News with Moira Stuart. 6.00 South East at Six.**

6.25 **Doctor Who.** Peter Davison in the third part (of four) of an adventure entitled The Visitation. (r).

6.50 **The Show Me Show.** The first of a new series, presented by John Craven and Maggie Philbin, which takes a light-hearted look at the world of science.

7.20 **Film: The Kentuckian** (1955) starring Burt Lancaster, Dianne Foster and Diana Lynn. Set in the 1820s this tale concerns Big Eli and his son, Little Eli, who decide leave their home in Kentucky for the promise of Texas. But on the way Big Eli is arrested and thrown into jail – which is only the start of his troubles. This film was Lancaster's debut as a director and also the beginning of Walter Matthau's career on the screen.

9.00 **News with John Humphrys.**

9.25 **Play: Bazaar and Rummage,** by Sue Townsend. A sometimes witty story about a group of females suffering from agoraphobia preparing to go into the wide world in the care of a would-be social worker (see Choice).

10.35 **Everyman: The Miracle of Intervale Avenue.** A documentary about the small Jewish community of the decaying Bronx area of New York (see Choice).

11.13 **News headlines.**

11.15 **Flamingo Road.** Michael Tyrone surprises everybody by donating land for the local Arts Centre.

12.05 **Weather.**

TV-am

6.25 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Nick Owen and Anne Diamond. News with Gavin Scott at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.58; sports news at 6.45 and 7.45; Chris Tarrant in Brighton with guest Patricia Hodge from 6.50; the studio guest, from 7.00, is Richard Stilgoe; Bowie video – Ashes to Ashes – at 7.55; Nicola Paget's star forecast at 8.05; a preview of the day's television at 8.35; exercises with Mad Lizzie at 8.50; Roland Rat in Oxford from 9.00.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by **Sesame Street** in which the Muppets and their human friends make learning seem simple **10.25 Science International.** A glimpse of the world of scientific research **10.35 Sport Billy** in Bad Weather Blues (r) **11.00 Island Wildlife.** The three species of deer found in Ireland – the red, the fallow and, introduced from Japan, the Sika **11.50 Cartoon Time.** Blood Sports.

12.00 **Button Moon.** Rocket adventures of the Spoon family. For the very young **12.10 Rainbow.** Learning with puppets (r) **12.30 The Electric Theatre Show.** Presenter John Doran examines the work of films' special magician, Nick Alder.

1.00 **News. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 Emmerdale Farm.** (r). **2.00 A Plus Revisited.** Judith Chalmers on the subject of incontinence with six sufferers of varying ages plus a discussion on its management with specialist doctor Roger Fenely and nurse Christine Norton (r).

2.30 **Racing from York.** Day two of the meeting features the Moorestyle Convivial Maiden Stakes (2.35); the Tote-Ebor Handicap (3.10); and the Great Voltigeur Stakes (3.40).

4.00 **Rod, Jane and Freddy in Clockland** (r). **4.15 Cartoon:** Victor and Maria in The Garden Shed. **4.20 Emu's World.** Rod Hull is still trying to keep his pet in order (r). **4.45 What's Happening.** Current affairs quiz between 2CR Bournemouth and Radio Aire. **5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.**

5.45 **News. 6.00 Thames news.**

6.25 **What It's Worth.** Sally Hawkins answers viewers' letters on consumer problems.

6.35 **Crossroads.** Benny receives some advice from Joe MacDonald on spiders and Mavis Hooper.

7.00 **Where There's Life . . .** Dr Rob Buckman asks New York doctors and members of the gay community whether we are all at risk from AIDS now that it has reached these shores.

7.30 **Coronation Street.** Des Foster turns out to be deeper than Bet imagined and Ken is fighting to keep the youth club in business.

8.00 **Yarwood in Town.** A star-studded list of impersonations plus the real Elaine Page and Gilbert O'Sullivan (r).

9.00 **Jemima Shore Investigates:** The Damask Collection. The trendy television investigator attends a wine-tasting and finds herself mixed up in a case of murder.

10.00 **News.**

10.30 **Film: Kitty and the Bagman** (1982) starring Liddy Clark, Val Lehman and John Stanton. Lighthearted 1920s gangster romp about two rival crime queens and the efforts of the Sydney police to keep law and order. Directed by Donald Crosbie.

12.20 **Night Thoughts** with Dr Una Kroll talking about meditation.

Frances Tomelty as Gwenda in Bazaar and Rummage: BBC 1 9.25pm

● Frances Tomelty's performance as Gwenda, in Sue Townsend's play **BAZAAR AND RUMMAGE** (BBC1 9.25pm), a cured agoraphobic who has taken on the role of adviser to a trio of disparate women who are long-term sufferers, is a joy to watch. The play, first seen with music at the Royal Court last year, is set in a church hall in west London. Gwenda, a rejected social worker, is setting-up a jumble sale with the help of no-nonsense Felicity, a trainee social worker. In their care are Isobel, Katrina and Margaret who are experiencing their first taste of life outside their homes for many years. How they react to each other in the company of their mentor produces some very witty lines but I experienced a feeling of unease laughing at characters

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suffering from what must be a very frightening problem.

● The Bronx, it would seem, has been awash with documentary film makers, what with After the Fires on ITV last night followed tonight by Everyman's **THE MIRACLE OF INTERVALE AVENUE** (BBC 1 10.35pm). Fortunately they focus on different aspects of the area and hardly overlap in content. 'Intervale' is about a small and beleaguered Jewish community who boast a host of Runyonesque characters in their congregation, from Mr Sachs the baker who has unofficially taken over the mantle of rabbi and Dave Lentin, a lugubrious signwriter, to Mrs Miroff, the dressmaker who is looked upon as a mother by a fearsome bunch of blacks and Puerto Ricans. Filming this particular documentary had its hazards as the team witnessed a gangland shooting with a ricochet grazing a 90-year old lady in the synagogue.

● Anybody who has endured the trials and tribulations of trying to give up smoking will relate to Peter, Sue Rodwell's hero in her comedy **NO, REALLY, I'VE GIVEN UP** (Radio 4 3.00pm). Geoffrey Collins plays Peter, a quiet, inoffensive commuter who decides it will be better for his health to kick the habit – a decision with which wife Viv is in total agreement. But forces outside blissful domesticity combine to undermine Peter's resolution, a situation that leads to comic repercussions.

BBC 2

6.05 **Open University:** The Art of Physick **6.30** Psychology: Production Systems. **6.55** Geology: From Swamps to Coal **7.20** The Art of Charlotte Bronte **7.45** Concrete. Closedown at 8.10.

10.05 **Gharbar.** Magazine programme of interest to Asian women. Today's programme includes a discussion on 'why children fail'. With Parveen Mirza in the studio are Swaran Talwar and Samina Mir who discuss how to cope with the problem.

10.30 **Play School.** For the under fives, presented by Lucie Skeaping and Stuart McGugan (r).

10.55 **Cricket:** The NatWest Bank Trophy. Live coverage of both semifinals, presented by Peter West and Tony Lewis.

12.30 **Open University:** The Pre-School Child: Joining In.

1.20 **Cricket:** The NatWest Trophy semifinals continued.

5.10 **Zoroastrian Orthodoxy.** An Open University programme in which Professor Mary Boyce traces the history of the small group of Zoroastrians who made their home in the village of Sharifabad in central Iran after the establishment of the Muslim empire.

5.35 **Cricket:** The NatWest Trophy semifinals continued.

7.30 **News** summary with subtitles.

7.35 **The Travel Show.** There are items on the Concorde package holiday; the world's fastest food; the best boat-trip in Britain; breaking down on motorways; and the cost of British newspapers abroad.

8.00 **Grey Granite.** The third and final part of the Bill Craig dramatization of Lewis Grassic Gibbon's novel set in the 1930s. Ewan is arrested and beaten-up by the police in the cells. Ake Ogilvie, who has proposed marriage to Ewan's widowed mother, Chris, uses his influence with the Provost to secure Ewan's release. Starring Vivien Heilbron, Peter Raffan, Alec Heggie and Gerda Stevenson.

9.00 **Good Time George.** A new four-part series featuring the irrepressible George Melly with John Chilton's Feetwarmers. Recorded at the Theatre Royal, Bury St Edmunds.

9.30 **Worlds Apart.** The Panare – Scenes from the Frontier. A documentary about a 2000-strong tribe of Venezuelan Indians whose existence is threatened by the encroachment of outsiders on to their traditional hunting and fishing gounds (r).

10.25 **Newsnight.**

11.15 **Cricket.** Highlights from the games in the NatWest Trophy semifinals played today.

12.05 **Open University:** Earthquake Prediction **12.30** Corrosion Prevention on Oil Rigs **12.55** Maths Theods: Multiple Integrals. Closedown at 1.25.

CHANNEL 4

5.30 **Start Here.** Konrad the robot and his eager band of young scientific followers this week discover the wonders of machinery (r).

6.00 **Ulster Landscapes.** The seventh of an 11-part history of Ulster. Today's programme concentrates on the mid 18th-century when the quality of life tangibly improved. The cause of this prosperity was the growth of the flax and linen industry and the expansion of corn as a crop. Watermills and windmills were built to drive the machinery and the big landowners encouraged internal trade by establishing villages at the gates of the estates. It was also a busy time for road building and the first canal in the British Isles was built to carry goods to Dublin.

6.30 **The Munsters*** Herman preaches pacificism to son Eddie after the school bully displays his strength. But a practical joke on Herman makes him change his philosophy.

7.00 **Channel Four News.** Headlines at 7.30, business news at 7.35 followed by Science Focus, Jane Corbin and Lawrence McGinty's weekly look at the latest developments in the worlds of science and technology.

7.50 **Comment.** The political spot this week is filled by the Conservative MP for Christchurch, Robert Adley.

8.00 **Brookside.** There is a glimmer of hope for Lucy Collins; Sheila Grant returns fighting fit from her holidays, determined to do something about the factory closure while Alan Partridge's enthusiasm for aerobics carries over into rugby training where he makes a pungent impact with a new muscle relaxant.

8.30 **Opinions: Mike Brearley.** The former England and Middlesex cricket captain talks about the game, the individual and the group and whether success at the sport is a passport to success in other activities.

9.00 **Eubie!** A tribute the American singer/composer Eubie Blake who died earlier this year a few days after his 100th birthday. A group of American singers and dancers recall some of Eubie's best known songs including I'm Just Wild About Harry, Memories of You and In Honeysuckle Time.

10.35 **Edible Gold** Liane Aukin reads Autumn Journal, by Louis Macneice, part of the anthology chosen by Christopher Logue.

10.40 **Frontline–America.** In the Shadow of the Capital. A documentary about life in Washington away from the glamour of government. A city that is 75 per cent black most of whom live a life of poverty and hopelessness.

11.35 **Closedown.**

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today. 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 Today's News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 Second to the Right and Straight on till Morning by Lance Salway (3). The reader is Karl Johnson. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News; Midweek: Henry Kelly.†
10.00 News: Gardeners' Question Time. With Geoffrey Smith, Stefan Buczack and Daphne Ledward.
10.30 Morning Story: Landscape with Figures by John Miller (1). The reader is John Westbrook.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News; Travel; Baker's Dozen. Richard Baker with records.†
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Pay any Price by Ted Allbeury (7).† 12.55 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. The special guest is the actor Martin Jarvis. Plus Helen Hanff's report from New York, and episode 11 of The Plague Dogs.
3.00 News. Afternoon Theatre: No Really, I've Given Up by Sue Rodwell. Comedy about a man whose determination to give up smoking is undermined. With Geoffrey Collins and Carole Boyd.
3.47 Time for Verse. Presented by George Meredith.
4.00 News: Just after Four.
4.10 Scandinavian Journey. Julian Hale visits the small paper-making factory town of Lilla Edet.
4.40 Story Time: The Master by T. H. White.
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather; Programme News.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 My Music. Quiz.†
7.00 News; The Archers.
7.20 Checkpoint.
7.45 Beecham by Ned Sherrin and Caryl Brahms. With Timothy West as the famous conductor (r).†
8.45 Too Much, Too Young. Anne Nightingale investigates how under 16s mothers cope.
9.30 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. This edition includes a review of the new play at the Greenwich Theatre, Agnes of God, by John Pielmeier, with Susannah York and Honor Blackman. 9.59 Weather.
10.00 The World Tonight: News.
10.30 Radio Active.†
11.00 A Book at Bedtime: Love of Life by Jack London (1). Alan Dobie is the reader.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 Voices in Harmony.
12.00 News: Weather.
12.15 Shipping Forecast.
ENGLAND: VHF with lf above except 6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel. 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: We Can Do That (Employment in the 80s) – last in series. 11.30-12.10 Open University: 11.30 Smith and Government. 11.50 Mithraic Symbolism.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice. Part one. Johann Strauss (Czech Polka), Schubert (Notturno in E flat; Gounod: Lend me your Aid (Queen of Sheba), Mozart (Violin Concerto No 6 in D.†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice. Part two. Shostakovich (Romance – the Gadfly – Heinrich Friedheim, violin), Gliere (harp concerto, Op 74 – Osian Ellis, harpist), Liszt (Oh! Quand je dors – Frederika von Stade, mezzo), Bliss (Melee fantasque).†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Mendelssohn. Includes Songs Without Words Op 85, No 3 in E flat, and Op 67, No 2 in F sharp minor (pianist Daniel Barenboim) and String Quartet No 2 in B flat, Op 87.†
10.00 Joachim Raff: Piano Trio No 2 in G major, Op 112 (Parkian/Fleming/Roberts).†
10.35 The Glass Harmonica: Works by Beethoven, Mozart, Johann Naumann and Karl Rollig, played by Bruno Hoffmann.†
11.25 Das klagende Lied: Mahler's cantata. Soloists: Maria de Francesca-Cavazza (sop), Birgit Finnila (con) Manfred Jung (ten) and George Fortune (bar).†
12.30 Alistair Cooke's Jazzmen: The Chamber Music of Jazz (8).†
1.00 News.
1.05 Beethoven String Quartets: Orford Quartet play the Op 18, No 1 and the Op 95.†
2.00 Cantelli Conducts: Hindemith (Concert Music for brass and strings) Brahms (Symph No 3), Debussy (Incidental music: Le martyre de Saint Sebastien).†
3.15 Lilli an Kallir: piano recital, includes Chopin (Nocturne in C) Bartok (Sonatina) and Kidaly (Four pieces from Zongora Muzika).†
4.00 Choral Evensong: from York Minister, direct.†
4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Roy Williamson. Includes works by Wagner (Siegfried Idyll), Bach, Beethoven, Hummel and Franz.
6.30 Jazz Today: presented by Charles Fox.†
7.00 Schubert and Wolf: Songs by Schubert and Wolf, sung by Marta Fuchs, with Michael Raucheisen and Gerald Moore as accompanists. Includes Schubert's Erlkonig.
7.30 Proms 83: from the Royal Albert Hall. Part one. Britten and Mozart (see panel for details).†
8.20 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, selected by Angus McDermid.
8.40 Proms 83: Part two. Beethoven (see panel).†
9.40 The Scum of the Earth: Second of five programmes about the Peninsular War of 1808 to 1814. Compiled by David Bean, from contemporary records. The narrator is Michael Tudor Barnes (r).†
10.00 Revolution and Romance: Early 20th century Russian music, played by Hamish Milne, including works by Scriabin, Roslavetz and Medtner (Skazka in A minor, Op 34, No 3).†
10.35 The Zemlinsky Quartets: The Lasalle String Quartet play the Quartet No 2, Op 15.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF only – Open University. 11.20pm Social Sciences Magazine, and at 11.40 Speech and Prose. Ends at 12.00.

TONIGHT'S PROM

7.30 Britten: Sinfonietta. Mozart: Clarinet Concerto in A major, K 622.
8.40 Colin Matthews: Night Music. Beethoven: Symphony No 1 in C major. Anthony Pay (clarinet). City of London Sinfonia, conducted by Richard Hickox. Radio 3. Stereo.

Radio 2

News on the hour every hour (except 8.00 pm and 9.00) Major Bulletins: 7.00 am, 8.00, 1.00 pm, 5.00 and 12.00 midnight.
5.00 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Whicker's World.† 12.00 Music While You Work.† 12.30 Gloria Hunniford including 2.02 Sports Desk.† 2.30 Ed Stewart including Racing from York, 3.05 Tote-Ebor Handicap, 3.35 Great Voltigueur Stakes, 3.02 Sports Desk.† 4.00 David Hamilton including 4.02, 5.30 Sports Desk.† 6.00 Cricket Special. Closing stages of the semi-finals of the NatWest Trophy.† 7.30 Overture and Beginners. Billy Milton introduces music from the theatre by Offenbach, Rodgers, Menotti and others. 8.15 Listen to the Band.† 9.00 The Organist Entertains with Nigel Ogden.† 9.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 9.57 Sports Desk. 10.00 Funny You Should Ask. Peter Jones asks the questions in this quiz about all aspects of entertainment. 10.30 Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00 am Folk on 2.† 2.00-5.00 Patrick Lunt presents You and the Night and the Music.†

Radio 1

News on the half hour from 6.30 am until 8.30 pm and then at 10.00 and 12.00 midnight (MF/MW).
6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Peter Powell with the Radio 1 Roadshow in Swenage. 12.30 Newsbeat. 12.45 Mike Smith. 2.00 Steve Wright. 4.30 Janice Long, including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 Radio 1 Mailbag. 8.00 David Jensen. 10.00 John Peel.† 12.00 Close. VHF Radios 1 and 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 6.00 pm John Dunn.† 7.30 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Diversions. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Kings of Jazz. 7.45 Report on Religion. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Brahms' Miniatures. 8.30 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Musical Yearbook. 10.15 Whip Hand. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Listening Post. 11.30 Meridian. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 I Call it Genius. 2.15 Report on Religion. 2.30 Women in Love. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Diversions. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 The Golden Obsession. 9.00 Network UK. 9.15 Short Story. 9.30 Jazz for the Asking. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Whip Hand. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Listening Post. 12.45 The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Here and Now. 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 The Golden Obsession. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 A Musical Offering. 4.45 Financial News. 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today.
(All times in GMT)

BBC 1 Wales: 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales Headlines. 4.18-4.20 News of Wales Headlines. 6.00-6.25 Wales Today. 12.05am News and weather; Scotland: 9.00am-10.25 Closedown. 1.25pm-1.30 The Scottish News. 6.00-6.25 Reporting Scotland. 12.05am News and weather; Northern Ireland: 9.00am-10.25 Closedown. 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland News. 4.18-4.20 Northern Ireland News. 6.00-6.25 News at Six and Summerscene. 12.05am News and weather; England: 6.00pm-6.25 Regional news magazine. 12.10am Close.

S4C Starts 2.20pm Ffalabalam. 2.35 Interval. 4.05 Full Life. 4.35 Wine Programme. 5.00 Pili-Pala. 5.05 Cartref Ar Wyneb Y Môr. 5.35 Munsters. 6.05 Brookside. 6.30 W.K.R.P. in Cincinnati. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Chwechawd Pêl-Droed Cymru. 8.00 Llun Ar Y Sgrîn. 8.25 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 9.00 Film: 21 Hours at Munich (William Holden). 10.45 Opinions. 11.15 Eleventh Hour. 1.15am Closedown.

HTV As London except: 10.25am Wilkie in Winter. 10.50 Dinah Saur Show. 11.00 Crazy World of Sport. 11.25 Flying Kiwi. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Robin's nest. 6.00-6.35 News. 12.20am Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

CHANNEL As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm Button Moon. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Puffin's Pla(l)ce. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.15 Summer Extra. 6.30-7.00 Carry On Laughing. 12.20am Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

CENTRAL As London except: 9.25am 3-2-1 Contact. 10.00 Morning Serial. 10.30 New Fred and Barney Show. 11.00-12.00 Nova. 2.30 Six Million Dollar Man. 5.15-5.45 Wonders Of The Underwater World. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.20am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 9.25am-9.30 Day Ahead. 10.30 Professor Kitzel. 11.05 Stingray. 11.30 Laurel and Hardy. 1.20-1.30 Lunchtime. 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves Chachi. 6.00 Good Evening, Ulster. 6.30-6.35 Cartoon. 12.20am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 10.25am Film: Storm in A Teacup (Vivien Leigh). 11.50-12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun's. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Carry on Laughing. 12.20am Postscript. 12.25 Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 10.25 am Survival Special. 11.15 Fangface. 11.35-12.00 Sport Billy. 1.20 pm News. 1.25-1.30 Where the Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.20 am Possessions, Closedown.

TVS As London except: 10.25am Beyond Westworld. 11.15 Flying Kiwi. 11.45-12.00 Laurel and Hardy*. 1.20pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Sale of the Century. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.20 am Company, Closedown.

Eubie Blake: Channel 4 9.00pm

GRANADA As London except: 10.25 am Film: In the Doghouse. 11.55-12.00 Wattoo Wattoo. 1.20 pm-1.30 Granada Reports. 2.00-2.30 Music on the Move. 5.15-5.45 Beverly Hillbillies. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30 News. 6.35-7.00 Chip In. 12.20 am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 9.25 am First Thing. 9.30 Sesame Street. 10.25 Lost Kingdom. 10.50 Galway Way. 11.50-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30 pm Question of Stars. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Over the Garden Wall. 6.00-6.35 Summer at Six. 12.20 am News. 12.25 Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 10.25 am Portraits of Power. 10.50 How We Know the Earth Moves. 11.00 Video Sounds. 11.30 Vicky the Viking. 11.55-12.00 Professor Kitzel. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.20 am Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.25 am Cartoon. 10.40 Music of Man. 11.35-12.00 Sport Billy. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Happy Days. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.20 am Footprints, Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.25 am Paint Along with Nancy. 10.55 Poseidon Files. 11.45-12.00 European Folk Tales. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.20 am News, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.25 am To the Wild Country. 11.15 Flying Kiwi. 11.40-12.00 Fangface. 1.20 pm-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30-7.00 Video Entertainment. 12.00 am Late Call, Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

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1903-1983: Terrifying thoroughfares abhorred by all travellers

The costermongers of London's east end are less of a traffic hazard today than they were in 1903, and the unhappy union between wooden pavements and macadam strips near Brent Bridge has been long dissolved together with the bridge itself (Michael Horsnell writes).

But London's road network is just as inefficient today as it was 80 years ago, with frustrations of a difficult kind reducing the speed of traffic to little faster than that of a marathon runner.

A special test by the Royal Automobile Club along some of the capital's main roads has shown that motorists face as many difficulties now as the RAC reported their predecessors did in 1903.

In that year club officials escorted members of the Royal Commission on London Traffic in horseless carriages on a 32-mile route across London. The jaunt was followed by a report in the club's journal of inadequate roads, congestion and long delays.

The report said that an offer has been made by the RAC "to place motor cars at the disposal of the commissioners, in the belief that some personal knowledge of the main roads of London would probably convey to the commissioners a keener appreciation of the great need for wider and better roads."

The report added: "It was pointed out that at the present moment no facilities exist for building new trunk roads to relieve the traffic on the few existing main roads."

The Times has ventured along the route the commissioners took and, like the RAC which tried it a few days ago, clocked up an average speed of under 14 mph.

The journey started at Brentford and ended at the Bank in the City, taking in Ealing, Willesden, Paddington, Mayfair, Bloomsbury, King's Cross, Walthamstow, and Stratford.

In Brentford, cyclists were frequently the speediest travellers. At Ealing Common traffic was compressed like thick liquid passing through a sclerotic artery. Immobile for 10 minutes at the Edgware Road junction with Harrow Road, one jam led to another until the journey was completed in just under two and a half hours.

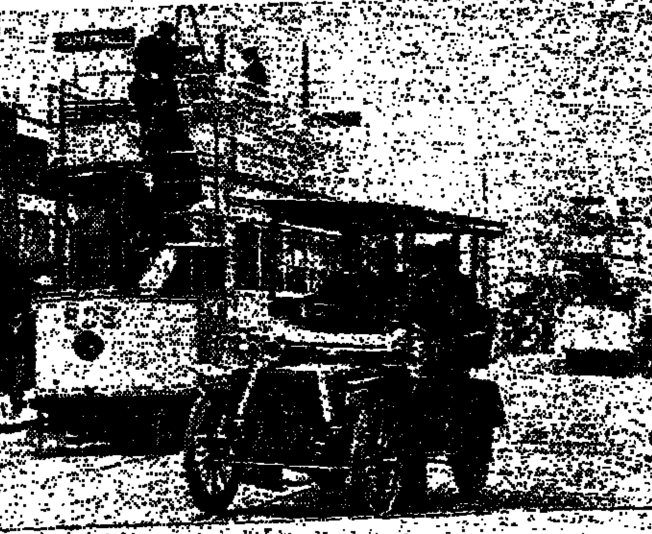
Mr Tony Lee, the RAC's director of public affairs, commented: "It is about time that thousands of motorists and drivers of freight transport were relieved of the deplorable difficulties they face." London's road network demanded a comprehensive reappraisal, he added. Just as it did in 1903.



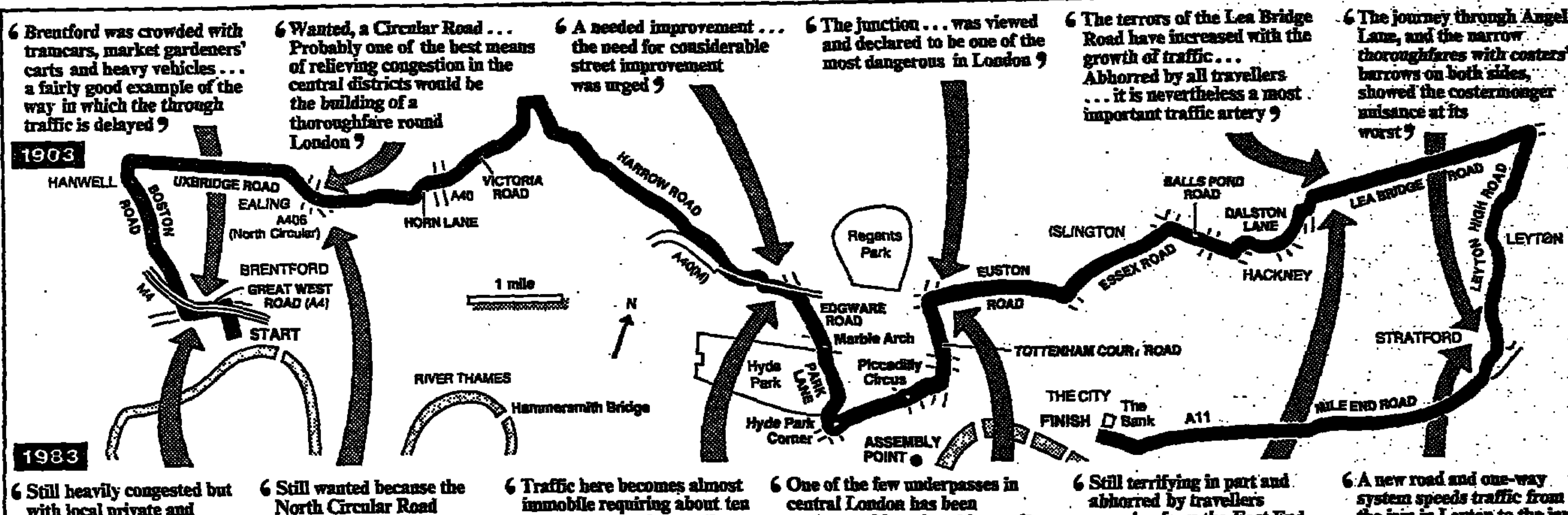
1903: The caravan assembles in Great George Street.

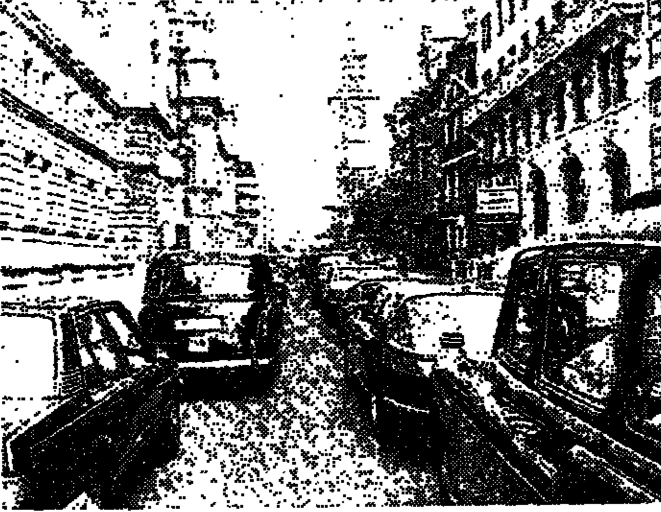


Near Hammersmith Bridge – pause for consultation.

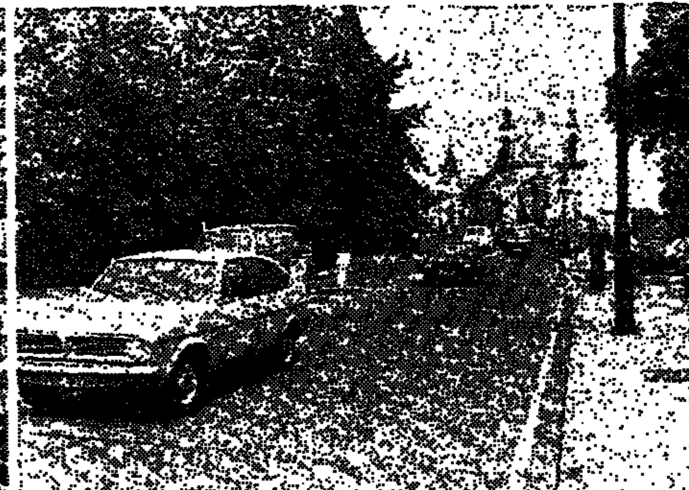


"Congestion" near the old Uxbridge Road station.





1983, Great George Street today: Hustle and bustle.



Hammersmith Bridge: More trees, no horses.



Uxbridge Road where it crosses the North Circular.

US apology to France for aiding Barbie

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Americans were deeply concerned Barbie would return to the British if they stopped using him. "The revelation of Barbie's connexion to CIC as an informant would have been a serious blow to CIC's prestige in the eyes of the British," according to a secret CIC memorandum dated early 1948.

Barbie, now aged 69, is in a French prison awaiting trial. While head of the Gestapo in Lyons from 1942 to 1944 he is alleged to have ordered the murder of 4,000 French Jews and to have deported 7,500 others to Nazi concentration camps. He is also said to have been responsible for the death of Jean Moulin, a French resistance hero.

Despite the conclusion that "responsible officials of the Army interfered with the lawful and proper administration of justice", the report says there are no grounds under American law for criminal action to be taken against anyone involved.

Under the US statute of limitations an indictment must be brought within five years after commission of an offence. It is 33 years since Barbie escaped to Bolivia and 11 years since France managed to obtain positive information of his presence there.

The report also defends the original recruitment of Barbie by the Americans on the grounds that his alleged involvement in war crimes did not become widely known until two years after he started working for them.

"It is important to realize that Klaus Barbie is far more notorious today than he ever was, except in Lyons, during or immediately after the war," the report states. The Americans decided to recruit him because of his counter-intelligence expertise and his strong anti-communist sentiments.

The report notes that both the British and French intelligence services also made use of former Nazis as informants.

"It must also be said that no other nation in occupied Germany – France, Great Britain or the Soviet Union – is in any position to criticize the decision to use Klaus Barbie now that the US Government has revealed the facts behind that use," the report concludes.

The recommendation to apologize to France met with stiff resistance from some State Department officials, which was responsible for a delay of several days in the report's publication.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Exhibitions

Lincolnshire Rose Society first members table show for beginners and small growers, Oddfellows Hall, Portland Street, Lincoln, 7.30.

Acton Scott Working Farm Museum (life on an old Shropshire farm), Wenlock Lodge, Acton Scott, near Church Stretton, Shropshire; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 10 to 6, Bank holidays 10 to 6; (until Oct 31).

Pace Setters III; painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, ceramics and textiles selected for The City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Sun and Mon; (until Sept 3).

Postcard views; contemporary postcards and related works, Chapter Gallery, Market Road, Canton, Cardiff; Mon to Fri, 12 to 10, Sat 12 to 4 and 6 and 9, Sun 12 to 6; (until Oct 1).

Through Children's Eyes, an Arts Council touring exhibition, Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (until Sept 11).

The Octagon Summer Show, a display of crafts in the Crafts Room, Octagon Gallery, 1, Lower Crescent, Belfast; Tues to Sat 10 to 1.30 and 2.15 to 5 (until Aug 31).

History of Wine Collection: wine making equipment, glassware and memorabilia, Passmore Edwards Museum, Stratford; Mon to Wed and Fri 10 to 6, Thurs 10 to 8, Sat 10 to 1, 2 to 5 (closed Sun: until Oct 1).

Great American Prints: Whistler to Warhol, Whitworth Art Gallery University of Manchester, Whitworth Park, Manchester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, (Thurs 10 to 9), closed Sun (until Sept 10).

Eighteenth Century Costume, and 200 years of Local Transport: two exhibitions at Fairlynch, The Budleigh Salterton Arts Centre and Museum; Mon to Sat 10.30 to 12.30 and 2.30 to 5.

Three Railway Views of Wales: photographs by Norman Neale, Ifor Higgon and R. O. Tuck, Welsh Industrial and Maritime Museum, Bute Street, Cardiff; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 5 (until Nov 15).

European and American Art, Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, Inverleith House, Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until Sept 25).

Talks, lectures

A quick look at modern art, Portsmouth City Museum, Museum Road, Portsmouth, 12.30.

Landscape in Britain, 1850 to 1950, by Ian Jeffrey, Mappin gallery, Sheffield, 7.15.

Music

An hour of popular classical music for voice and organ, St Thomas Church, Douglas, Isle of Man, 7.45.

Joscelin Alderman, flute, Malcolm Gullis, organ, and Frank Angell, piano, Edington Priory Church, Wilts: 7.30.

Baroque chamber concertos and cantatas, Wendy Burger, soprano, Duchy Grammar School, Tregye, Nr Truro, Cornwall, 8.

Organ recital by Robert Green, Hereford Cathedral, 1.15.

Organ recital by George McPhee at St Mary's Cathedral, Palmerston Place, Edinburgh, 8.

Organ recital by John Flower, Ryde Parish Church, Isle of Wight, 8.

Last chance to see

An Exhibition of drawings, prints and watercolours by Columbian artist Emilia Salcedo de Brayson, the Weighhouse Gallery, 6, Weigh house Street, W1, Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30; (ends today).

Butterfly Photographs by Kazuo Unno, Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7; Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Sun 2.30 to 6; (ends today)

New sculptures maquettes, drawings and prints by Alf Dunn, Redfern Gallery, 20 Cork Street, W1; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 10 to 12.30; (ends today).

Movement in Bronze by John Mulvey, Foyles Art Gallery, 113-119 Charing Cross Road, WC2; Mon to Sat 10 to 6; (ends today).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,210

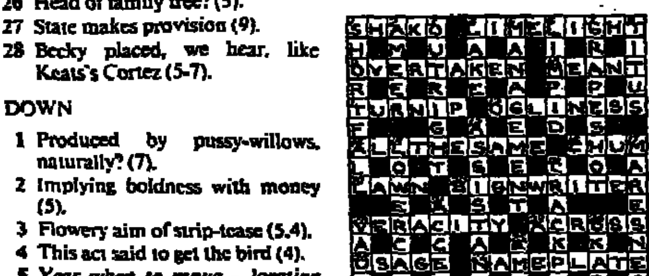
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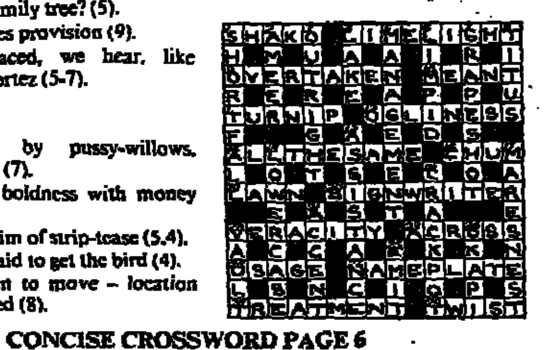
1 PM a skilled occupation? It can be so described (7-5).
9 Pacific middle name for this writer (9).
10 Exit with a bang (2,3).
11 Undercover, this information (6).
12 Spot of Chinese take-away? (8).
13 Zigzag vehicle returning through tunnel (6).
15 As writer of farce, 'e appears to get across (8).
18 Earliest form of conveyance (5-3).
19 Sometime Rome's establishment needed more than this (3,3).
21 Vessel might cause trouble to Peter (8).
23 Prepared search for 11 evidence of water (3,3).
26 Head of family tree? (5).
27 State makes provision (9).
28 Becky placed, we hear, like Keats's Cortez (5-7).

DOWN

1 Produced by pussy-willows, naturally? (7).
2 Implying boldness with money (5).
3 Flowery aim of strip-tease (5,4).
4 This act said to get the bird (4).
5 Year when to move – location unspecified (8).
6 River rises outside grand old Scottish town (5).
7 Vexed by what tedious fellow did about article (8).
8 Duty to serve champagne thus chilled? (6).
14 Wine for one who rejected Cordelia (8).
16 Mutually friendly character's job for 1 ac (9).
17 Affair right for teller of tales (8).
18 Case of the letters Mary repudiated (6).
20 Longed for time to overcome Kelly (7).
22 Mother is heart-broken (5).
24 Quick as one who adored Esther Johnson (5).
25 Aims to take half a day making friends (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,209





CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 6



New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:

Bendor: the Golden Duke of Westminster, by Leslie Field (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £12.95)
The Best of Bentine, by Michael Bentine (Granada, £6.95)
Consent in Medicine: Convergence and divergence in tradition, edited by G. R. Dunstan and Mary J. Seller (Oxford, £8.50)
Monimbo, by Robert Moss and Arnaud de Borchgrave (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £7.95)
Ranji: Prince of Cricketers, by Alan Ross (Collins, £10.95)
Shadows of our Dreaming: a celebration of early Australia, by Anne Fairbairn (Angus & Robertson, £7.95)
The Day Lasts More Than a Hundred Years, by Chingiz Aitmatov. Translated by John French (Macdonald, £8.95)
The Power of Rome in the Twentieth Century: *The Vatican in the Age of Liberal Democracies*, by Anthony Rhodes (Sidgwick & Jackson, £10.95)
The Times Guide to the House of Commons, June 1983 (Times Books, £15)
Tom Stoppard, by Thomas R. Whitaker (Macmillan, £11; paperback £3.95)

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The papers

There is only one comment to be made on the strong tip that Mr Michael Meacher will be the next Deputy Leader of the Labour Party, the Daily Mirror says. "It would be a disaster. Mr Meacher is not up to ths job", the paper claims. "He is standing only because Mr Tony Benn, having lost his seat cannot." It says his only fame is as a disciple of Mr Benn's and his only function would be to keep the seat warm.

Repression cannot forever substitute for politics in a sophisticated society, especially when times are tough, the New York Times said. It's an old lesson for which Chile provides the newest blackboard – and yet, as the bloody disorders there demonstrate, it's a lesson the Chilean Government still doesn't understand.

The affair of the Cowley "moles" is yet more evidence of the virulence of the cancer eating away at the Labour Party, the Daily Star says. It points out that the infiltrators who lied their way into the BP plant are said to belong to the Socialist League, which was once called the International Marxist Group, led by Tariq Ali. One of them, Stephanie Grant denies it claiming to be just another committed Socialist belonging to the Labour Party. "This sort of ducking and weaving is standard behaviour among extremist groups." the paper says.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.76	1.68
Austria Sch	29.35	27.80
Belgium Fr	83.25	79.25
Canada $	1.90	1.825
Denmark Kr	15.03	14.33
Finland Mkk	8.88	8.48
France Fr	12.49	11.94
Germany DM	4.17	3.97
Greece Dr	147.00	135.00
Hongkong $	11.48	10.83
Ireland Pt	1.32	1.26
Italy Lira	2470.00	2350.00
Japan Yen	387.00	367.00
Netherlands Gld	4.66	4.44
Norway Kr	11.61	11.04
Portugal Esc	188.50	178.50
South Africa Rd	1.99	1.84
Spain Pta	230.50	219.50
Sweden Kr	12.28	11.68
Switzerland Fr	3.35	3.18
USA $	1.54	1.49
Yugoslavia Dnr	161.00	149.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 336.5.

London: The *FT* index closed unchanged at 732.8.

Anniversaries

Oliver St John Gogarty, writer, was born in Dublin, 1878. Matthew Boulton, engineer, died in Birmingham, 1809. The building of the Berlin Wall began, 1961.

Roads

London and South East: A23: Delays between Bolney and Warninglid, Sussex. Road narrowing on Chelsea Embankment between Chelsea Bridge and Battersea Bridge. A281: Temporary signals at Bucks Green, west of Horsham, Sussex.

Midlands and East Anglia: M1: Lane closures at junction 19 (M6) north and south-bound traffic affected. Lane closures on M54: Telford by-pass, diversion at junction 5. Lane closures at M6: junctions 5 to 6 (Birmingham north-east to Birmingham central).

Wales and West: M5: Traffic sharing northbound carriageway between junctions 8 (M50 junction) and 9 (Ashchurch). A5: Temporary traffic lights working 24 hours a day at Llanfair Gwynedd. M4: At junction 32 (Cardiff). Lane closures at junction 32 (Cardiff).

North: Heavy congestion on the roads to the York race course along the A64 and the A1036. A537: Buxton Road, Macclesfield, Cheshire. roadworks, road closed between Commercial Road and French Avenue, alternative route

Scotland: M8: Resurfacing at St James Interchange (junction 29). Strathclyde: contraflow on west bound side. M74: Southbound carriageway closed between junctions 4 and 3 (Hamilton and Larkhall). A1: Closed periodically from 12.00 to 19.00 near Lamberton, Borders.

Sour grapes

Young Britons thinking of taking a late September holiday grape picking in France have been warned by the French Embassy against agencies which give no guarantees about jobs and rarely make provision for the return journey. Also, social security contributions and the cost of food and lodging are deducted from wages.

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Weather

A trough of low pressure over N England will move slowly northwards.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, Midlands: Dry, sunny periods; wind southwesterly light or moderate; max temp 26C (79F).

E, central N, NE England: Cloudy, outbreaks of rain, becoming drier, brighter from south; wind southerly light; max temp 20 to 22C (68 to 72F).

Channel Islands, SW England, Wales: Mainly dry, sunny periods, scattered showers, perhaps thundery, developing later; hill and coastal fog patches; wind S or SW moderate; max temp 24C (75F), but cooler on some coasts.

NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Borders, SW Scotland, Northern Ireland: Cloudy outbreaks of rain heavy in places, becoming brighter, some showers later; fog patches on coasts and hills; wind southerly light or moderate; max temp 17 to 20C (63 to 68F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll: Any fog soon dispersing, bright at first becoming cloudy, outbreaks of rain from south, wind SE moderate; max temp 16 to 18C (61 to 64F).

Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Bright intervals, scattered showers at first; wind SE moderate; max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

Outlook for Thursday and Friday: Sunny intervals, scattered thundery showers. Very warm in the SE, cooler elsewhere.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea, East Anglia, SE England: wind SW to S, light to moderate, fair visibility; moderate or good, sea slight.

St George's Channel, Irish Sea; wind SW to S, light to moderate, occasional rain; visibility moderate or good sea slight.

Sun rises: 5.48am — Sun sets: 8.20pm
Moon sets: 12.01am — Moon rises: 4.38pm
Full Moon August 23.

Lighting-up time

London 8.50 pm to 5.20 am
Bristol 9.00 pm to 5.30 am
Edinburgh 9.16 pm to 5.18 am
Manchester 9.04 pm to 5.22 am
Penzance 9.08 pm to 5.45 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	r	15	59	Guernsey	f	18	64
Birmingham	f	22	72	Inverness	c	15	59
Blackpool	r	16	61	Jersey	s	19	66
Bristol	f	21	70	London	s	23	73
Cardiff	f	21	70	Manchester	r	18	64
Edinburgh	f	19	66	Newcastle	c	17	63
Glasgow	c	17	63	Ronaldsway	r	15	59

London

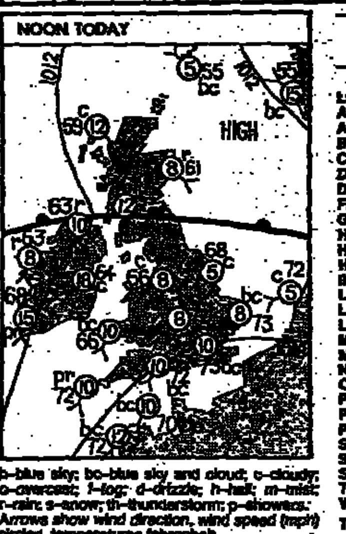
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 25C (77F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 16C (61F). Humidity: 6 pm, 58 per cent. Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,011.5 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Lowestoft, 26C (78F); lowest day max: Lerwick, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: Southport, 1.78in; highest sunshine: Hayling Island, 11.4hr.

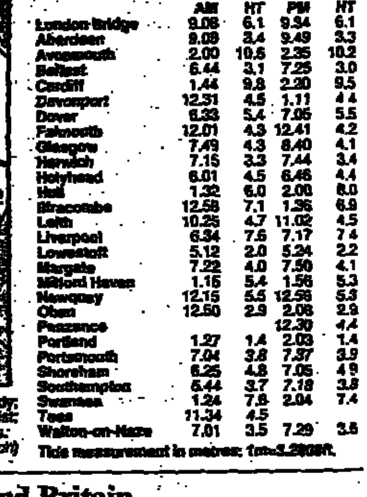


NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS Warm Cold Occluded (Symbols are on advancing edge)

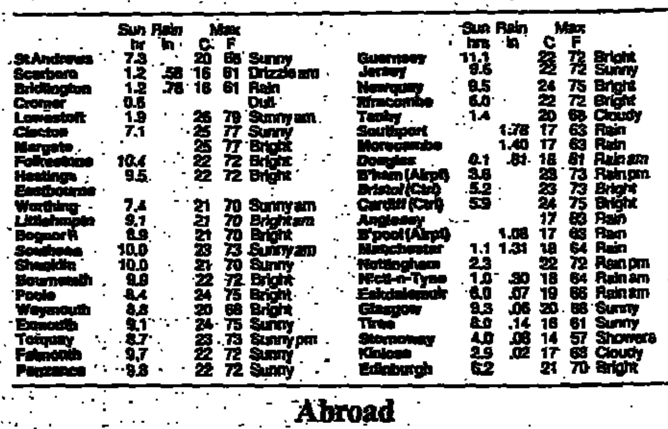


b-blue sky; bc-blue sky and cloud; c-cloudy; o-overcast; f-fog; d-drizzle; h-hail; m-mist; r-rain; s-snow; th-thunderstorm; p-showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. temperature fahrenheit.

High tides



Around Britain



Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.



* denotes Monday's figures are latest available